

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2859/09
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to the Commission

Subject: TV2

In August 2008, the Commission approved the Danish Government's rescue loan to TV2 Denmark. In that connection, the Commission stated that the measures were regarded as rescue aid and were in line with the EU's framework rules governing State aid for the rescue and restructuring of companies in difficulty. According to those rules, the rescue aid must be granted in the form of loans or guarantees and must be limited in duration and size.

In conjunction with the loan, the Commission required the Danish Government, before 4 February 2009, to submit a long-term plan for TV2 capable of getting the TV station on its feet.

In January 2009, the parties behind the compromise on the future of the media in Denmark agreed that TV2 should sell its transmission network and they also decided to introduce subscription fees from 2012.

Does the Commission consider that the new model for TV2 Denmark complies with the EU's 'must carry' public service definition that the whole population should have access to its programmes?