

**Question for written answer E-000896/2013
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: The TV Belsat situation

Belsat is the only independent television station that is broadcast in the Belarusian language, providing access to the media for the Belarusian opposition. Unfortunately, it has problems with financing, so there is a danger that it will be closed.

1. Is the Commission aware of the Belsat TV situation?
2. In the new financial perspective, is the Commission planning to allocate funds for the support of the Belarusian opposition, including TV Belsat?
3. How does the Commission intend to assist in the development of a democratic society in Belarus?