

**Question for written answer E-004863/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Support for the Luxembourgish press

I understand that the Commission is questioning the print media support scheme which has been running for nearly 40 years in Luxembourg, regarding it as unlawful state aid for an economic sector.

1. Can the Commission spell out its viewpoint?
2. As the Luxembourgish print media serve the national market only, in what respect does the support scheme contravene the rules governing the internal market?
3. Furthermore, sales of some German, French and Belgian newspapers, as well as newspapers from other European countries, are higher, on occasion, than those of Luxembourgish dailies or weeklies.
4. Why, accordingly, should Luxembourg be prevented from investing in cultural diversity and, in particular, in the diversity of opinions in the country?
5. Is policy on the national press not a Member State matter?