

Question for written answer E-000395/2019
to the Commission
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Subject: Media coverage of European elections in 2019

In May 2019, the next European elections will be held. As with all European issues, there is a risk that these elections are covered superficially by national media outlets. In 2014, only a few German and European media outlets broadcast the debates for the presidency of the European Commission. For reasons of democracy, it is essential that each citizen is properly informed about the elections. The legitimacy of the EU and its institutions, particularly the Commission, is at stake.

1. How is the Commission working with national media outlets to ensure that citizens have access to objective and quality information during the election period?
2. Is a debate among candidates for the Commission presidency being planned and is it possible for it to be broadcast by the national media outlets?