

**Question for written answer E-002739/2020  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Media Pluralism Monitor — guarantees of objectivity

The Commission announced on 2 March 2020 that it would grant funding of EUR 5.1 million for a series of EU projects promoting media freedom and pluralism. It also announced that it would renew for one year its funding for the Media Pluralism Monitor project implemented by the Centre for Media Pluralism and Freedom (CMPF). Continuing in the same vein, the European Centre for Press and Media Freedom (ECPMF) and the International Press Institute (IPI) had already set up a EUR 450 000 fund in March 2018 to support cross-border investigative journalism in the EU. The IPI, which manages the project, numbers among its subsidiaries non-governmental organisations such as the South and East Europe Media Organisation (SEEMO), funded by George Soros, a man whose main aim is to shut down movements and key figures that champion a Europe of nations and sovereignty. He also plays an important role in the propagation of fake news about the state of press freedom in those EU countries whose governments he does not like.

This being so, what guarantee of objectivity can the Commission give concerning the EU projects referred to above?