

**Question for written answer E-003480/2020/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: The German Interstate Media Treaty

Germany is currently implementing a new State Treaty on Media Services. In an interview, the Chair of the Committee on Culture and Education, Sabine Verheyen, supported the Treaty, and said that it protects pluralism in the German media. Of course she has her own opinion, but she did not consult the Committee on Culture and Education, which did not have the opportunity to comment on this issue. This is compounded by the fact that Sabine Verheyen is a former member of the Broadcasting Council of Westdeutsche Rundfunk (WDR), which is concerned by this contract. As if this was not enough, the Commission has already decided to approve the Treaty without first referring it to the Committee on Culture and Education.

To what extent does the Commission consider that, in the present case, there is a need for national legislation on media services in Germany, and why is national sovereignty not restored in other areas?

Were there any reasons why the Commission did not also seek to have an exchange of views in the Committee on Culture and Education before approving it, even though it seems that the Committee Chair, Sabine Verheyen, was involved?