

**Question for written answer E-004578/2020
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Development of Euronews and further EU financial support

At the end of April I was informed that 'no decision has been taken yet as to the future funding models for Euronews once the FPA expires, in February 2021'¹. In response to a follow-up question, the Commission again stated, at the beginning of July: 'The current Framework Partnership Agreement will expire in February 2021. The Commission has not taken any decision about the future of the partnership with Euronews yet'².

Despite the fact that only six months remain before the partnership agreement expires, the Commission has still not reached a decision.

1. Can we talk about a forward-looking political and financial approach if neither the Commission nor the broadcaster knows, six months before the expiry of the agreement, whether or not a follow-up agreement will be concluded?
2. What obstacles are standing in the way of the Commission making a decision?
3. Is thought being given to possible alternative media partners in the event of the agreement with Euronews not being extended?

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2020-000817-ASW_EN.html

² https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2020-002648-ASW_EN.html