

**Question for written answer E-005598/2020  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Cooperation agreement – Commission and Euronews

The cooperation agreement between the Commission and Euronews is due to expire in early 2021.

Have negotiations about a new cooperation agreement already started, and, if yes, how far have these negotiations progressed, and on what legal and financial basis have they taken place, given the fact that no agreement has been reached on the future multiannual financial framework (MFF)?

The European Court of Auditors raised concerns with regard to the cooperation agreement in its rapid case review: 'How the Commission monitors the EU support to Euronews'.

What measures has the Commission taken since its publication, and how is the Commission taking the findings into account in view of the fact that the cooperation agreement is about to expire?

The cooperation agreement between the Commission and Euronews and the resulting EU funding should cover the costs of the production and broadcasting in certain EU and non-EU languages of programmes on Union affairs and Union institutions' activities and policies.

How does the Commission make sure that EU funding is spent in its entirety on the missions assigned to Euronews and not on the running the business of the broadcaster, and can the Commission provide a breakdown of the use of EU funds by Euronews by programme over the past 12 months?