

**Question for written answer E-002297/2021  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Downgrading by Reporters without Borders of the situation regarding freedom of the press in Germany

According to Reporters Without Borders, Germany is no longer in the world's top group when it comes to freedom of the press. The main argument cited is the increasing violence by demonstrators against journalists. 'Due to the many attacks at Corona demonstrations, we have had to downgrade the situation regarding freedom of the press in Germany from "good" to merely "satisfactory". This sends out a clear alarm signal', the organisation said in a statement.<sup>1</sup>

1. Does the Commission follow Reporters Without Borders' assessments of the situation regarding freedom of the press in the EU, and how do the findings feed into the Commission's work?
2. What measures is the Commission taking to support Member States in improving freedom of the press in the EU?
3. Does the Commission share Reporters Without Borders' assessment that the situation regarding freedom of the press in Germany is merely 'satisfactory', and what measures does the Commission intend to take in this regard?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ito.de/recht/nachrichten/n/pressefreiheit-reporter-ohne-grenzen-deutschland-abstufung/>