

**Question for written answer E-003069/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Internet censorship in the German State Media Treaty

The German State Media Treaty has been examined by the Commission, declared sound and as a result, implemented in Germany.¹

1. What is the Commission's assessment of the State Media Treaty in terms of its provisions on censorship, which will enable the media regulatory authorities to censor internet content which does not live up to 'journalistic due diligence'?
2. Does the Commission consider censorship for reasons of 'journalistic due diligence' to be a component of democracy if the term 'journalistic due diligence' has not been defined, thereby inviting the attribution of arbitrary individual interpretations?
3. Are this approach and the objective of the State Media Treaty in conformity with the Commission's goal of ensuring media diversity and freedom of opinion in the EU?

¹ <https://www.horizont.net/medien/nachrichten/nach-kommissions-pruefung-eu-gibt-gruenes-licht-fuer-deutschen-medienstaatsvertrag-182645>