

**Question for written answer E-004605/2021
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Media freedom in Europe

Media freedom in Europe is facing an ever-increasing threat. Attacks on journalists are becoming more and more frequent. Their safety and their work are in danger, and by extension, so is democracy.¹²

1. The Recommendation calls for open access to documents held by public authorities. How will the Commission reconcile this with data protection?
2. How will the Commission ensure that individual Member States make use of the available support and funding?
3. Will legal action be taken against politicians or powerful figures if they are responsible for an attack on a journalist?

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/germany/news/20200723-neue-studie-medienfreiheit_de

² https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_21_4632