

**Question for written answer E-000998/2022/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: EU censoring the media

At the beginning of March, following an announcement made by Commission President von der Leyen, the EU decided to 'suspend the distribution of' Russian state-owned media outlets, de facto banning them¹. This kind of censorship is a first in the history of the EU and its forerunners; even during the Cold War, the citizens of Western Europe always had free access to the Eastern bloc's state media outlets, despite the fact that they were spreading one-sided state propaganda and disinformation.

1. What further censorship measures does the Commission plan to take?
2. How will the Commission deal with European and other media outlets that it deems to be spreading propaganda and disinformation?
3. Which censorship body in the EU is tasked with identifying cases of disinformation and propaganda?

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_1490