

**Question for written answer E-002200/2022/rev.1  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Ban within Dutch broadcasting because of statements by Filip Dewinter during an 'Ongehoord Nederland' programme

Flemish politician Filip Dewinter was a guest at the broadcaster 'Ongehoord Nederland', which is part of the Dutch public broadcasting system. That broadcaster wants to give a voice to Dutch people who do not feel represented in the public-service broadcasting system on issues such as mass migration and the preservation of Dutch culture. What this comes down to, then, are the views of a significant proportion of the Dutch population who are not represented anywhere else.

During the programme concerned, Dewinter stated that the European people and the European way of life are being replaced by immigrants and their way of life. The majority parties in the Netherlands then tabled questions in the House of Representatives and called for a ban on such broadcasts. To their mind, there can be no place for such views within Dutch broadcasting.

1. What is the Commission's position on this situation?
2. What can the Commission do to safeguard freedom of expression and press freedom in the Netherlands?