Question for written answer E-002444/2022 to the Commission
Rule 138

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Subject: Euronews 2

In its answer to written question E-001300/2022, the Commission failed to reply to the questions it was asked. This time, could it please actually answer both of the questions separately.

The Portuguese venture capital firm Alpac Capital, which is said to have close ties to Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán and strong corporate links to the business ecosystem around him, has acquired Euronews.

In recent years, Euronews has experienced falling revenues and has been subsidised by the Commission.

According to a news report published in November 2021, Euronews is required by the Commission to provide information on its editorial oversight and programming priorities, among other metrics.

The Commission later said that it was monitoring developments closely to make sure that any changes in the company's management or editorial workflows do not impact its contractual arrangements.

- 1. Does the Commission believe there is any business rationale behind this acquisition?
- 2. Is it monitoring Euronews broadcasts to determine whether any of the changes to the company's management or editorial workflows affect its contractual arrangements?