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to the Commission**

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Subject: Euronews, a weapon in Europe's soft-power arsenal

Several weeks ago, the Euronews television channel was bought by Alpac Capital, a Portuguese investment fund. This shakeup of the channel's share structure is a real boost for Euronews, which has been experiencing financial difficulties. The fact that the new majority shareholder, Pedro Vargas David, is on good terms with Hungary's institutions is also an asset for the pan-European network.

With a certain amount of political will, Euronews could become an effective weapon in Europe's soft-power arsenal. The Commission, however, cut its support for the channel from EUR 29 million in 2019 to EUR 16 million in 2021.

Keen as the institutions in Brussels are on their anti-Orbán dogmatism, is the Commission nevertheless planning to restore its support to the initial levels with a view to helping Euronews extend Europe's influence in the world?