

**Question for written answer E-001013/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: EU funding to Italian publishing groups

The largest Italian publishing groups have received funding from the Commission to convey promotional messages for the 2024 European electoral campaign. The recipients of the funding include various business groups linked to politics. These groups support incumbent governments and parties that have held the main institutional positions in the European Union, and will support their reappointment if they win at the polls.

1. What is the sum committed, whether executed or still to be executed, to fund the media in connection with the 2024 European electoral campaign? Could the Commission specify the beneficiaries, purposes, methods of execution and expected results of this funding?
2. Can the Commission also rule out a conflict of interest involving its political leaders, since any type of funding to the media could affect its impartiality?

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