

ORAL QUESTION H-0038/09

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pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: Creation of a European media organisation and the dissemination in the Member States of information concerning Europe

In a bid to combat the democratic deficit, the Commission has launched numerous EU public information initiatives and sought to increase media coverage of European issues. Laudable efforts to this end are being made on the European website, Europarl TV, Euronews, etc. The current tendency to 'go global' is provoking reactions principally among well-educated eurosceptics with a knowledge of English at least.

Is the Commission envisaging the possibility of 'going local'? Would it consider creating official European media channel or organisation for each of the Member States, responsible to it and disseminating information in their respective languages on exclusively European subjects, and showing how they relate to local issues?

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