

**Priority question for written answer P-000338/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Urgent appeal for intervention regarding termination of multiplex C digital broadcasting network by RTV Slovenia

As of 1 February 2024, RTV Slovenia has terminated the multiplex C digital broadcasting network, leaving multiplex A as the sole terrestrial digital broadcasting network with coverage throughout Slovenia. This decision has far-reaching consequences, particularly for approximately 60 000 individuals who are not subscribed to Internet Protocol television (IPTV), the only other available means of receiving TV programming in Slovenia.

The loss of access to private TV stations through a terrestrial TV antenna affects a substantial portion of the population, particularly those with limited means. RTV Slovenia has not provided any motivations behind the decision to shut down the alternative multiplex.

It is highly unusual for a national media broadcaster to wield such unilateral power over the broadcasting network system. Traditionally, companies overseeing broadcasting networks, especially in post-communist countries, have been separated from national media broadcasters and established as independent entities. The current situation highlights RTV Slovenia's unique hegemony in this field, enabling them to effectively shut down competing television stations without adequate oversight.

1. Will the Commission consider looking into this matter, given the gravity of the situation and the potential impact on media plurality and access to information?
2. Will the Commission conduct a thorough investigation into the circumstances surrounding the termination of multiplex C to ensure transparency, fairness and adherence to established regulatory practices within the EU?

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