

**Priority question for written answer P-001014/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Follow-up questions on multiplex C

In its answer P-000338/2024¹, the Commission suggests that it has received information that the continued operation of the multiplex C digital broadcasting network is no longer viable. Although multiplex C accounts for a relatively small share of RTV Slovenia's budget, the information available suggests that cost was not the key reason for its shutdown.

I would like to know from where the Commission obtained the information that the shutdown is linked to cost.

The Commission underlines that, in addition to digital terrestrial television, there are alternative ways of distributing commercial television programmes, such as IPTV, cable and satellite television and online streaming services.

Most customers who previously watched Nova24TV through a TV aerial and who will now be disadvantaged, live in remote areas, where IPTV, cable and satellite television are not available. In addition, since they are primarily an elderly rural population, they also find it difficult to use the internet, which makes streaming content inaccessible to them.

1. How can we solve these problems and ensure that these users continue to have access to television content?
2. Would the Commission say that shutting down multiplex C is consistent with the spirit of the European Convention on Human Rights?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-9-2024-000338-ASW_EN.html