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to the Commission**

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Subject: Commission support for Hungarian-language broadcasting of the Euronews channel in the territory of Romania and Slovakia

The Directorate-General for Communication (DG COMM) of the Commission supports the operation of the Hungarian version of the Euronews channel by means of tenders. This initiative is welcome.

As Euronews is the sole Hungarian-language television channel that focuses particularly on European matters, we feel it is important that this channel should also be available for the Hungarian-speaking citizens of Hungary's neighbouring countries.

1.3 million Hungarian-speaking EU citizens live in Romania – a population that is approximately equal to that of Estonia and greater than the population of certain Member States, such as Cyprus, Luxembourg and Malta. About 0.5 million Hungarians live in Slovakia as well.

The large Hungarian-speaking communities of Romania and Slovakia are entitled to the same level and quality of information as other communities in Europe. As the Hungarian-language version of Euronews is already available, its broadcasting to the territory of Romania and Slovakia is a possibility that effectively already exists and which it would be unjustifiable to disregard.

As European Parliament representatives of the Hungarian communities of Romania and Slovakia, we hereby ask the Commission if it intends to examine the question of broadcasting the Hungarian-language version of Euronews in Romania and Slovakia.