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to the Commission**

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Subject: AI in journalism

Some journalists formerly employed by PA Media were made redundant after the introduction of intelligent software for selecting, editing and curating news articles online. Artificial Intelligence (AI) will automate some areas of journalism and it also has the potential to make research and fact-checking more efficient, when combined with human oversight.

To what extent is the Commission preparing for drastic changes in the journalistic landscape brought about by AI, to ensure that there will be a sustainable mix of AI and human capabilities, and will these preparations be included in the legislative act expected in the first quarter of 2021 as a follow-up to the White Paper on AI? Has the Commission carried out any impact assessments in this regard that take into account particularly small independent media houses across the EU?