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# Defending media pluralism in Hungary

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Commissioner Neelie Kroes has assured Hungarians of her support for free and independent newspapers, magazines, TV and radio stations. In a post on her personal blog, the Vice-President of the European Commission responsible for the Digital Agenda committed to doing “all I can within my powers and with my own voice to ensure that Hungarians can participate in, hear and learn from the media of their choice.” Kroes reminded readers that in 2011 she had pushed for changes to the Hungarian Media Law and had achieved those changes. She also pointed out that 98% of Hungarians now have access to broadband internet and thus the opportunity to express themselves and access the opinions of others. Against the backdrop of new radio licences, she called for even more competition and suggested to overcome the restrictions of limited radio spectrum by vibrant new radio stations on the internet. This blog post by Commissioner Kroes is available in English and Hungarian.



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