

Given that Euronews is a pan-European channel which receives EU support:

1. Is the Commission aware of these developments at Euronews? Does any threat exist to the continuation of Portuguese-language broadcasting by the channel?
2. What measures have been taken or will be taken to ensure the continuation of the Portuguese-language version of Euronews?

Answer given by Mr Prodi on behalf of the Commission

(5 February 2003)

The Commission would refer the Honourable Member to its answer to written P-3364/02 by Mr Ribeiro e Castro ⁽¹⁾

⁽¹⁾ See page 54.

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WRITTEN QUESTION E-3740/02

by Gabriele Stauner (PPE-DE) to the Commission

(19 December 2002)

Subject: Annual accounts for the financial year 2001

In Official Journal ⁽¹⁾, the Commission published the European Communities' annual accounts for the financial year 2001 (consolidated statements on budget implementation and balance sheet).

Can the Commission forward a list of all the changes made to the annual accounts as now published in relation to the version forwarded to Parliament on 30 April 2002?

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 296, 28.11.2002.

Answer given by Ms Schreyer on behalf of the Commission

(29 January 2003)

No changes have been made. The annual accounts are published in the Official Journal on the same day as the Court of Auditor's annual report.

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WRITTEN QUESTION E-3752/02

by Kathleen Van Brempt (PSE) to the Commission

(20 December 2002)

Subject: Palladium

In its next version of Windows, Microsoft wants to incorporate a 'virtual lock' called Palladium. Microsoft claims that this will protect PCs against viruses and filter spam. It may also provide a means of preventing the illegal copying of software. Palladium is also supposed to provide PCs with a unique identification code. There is a fear that an identification code of this nature developed by Microsoft will make the running of competitors' software impossible.