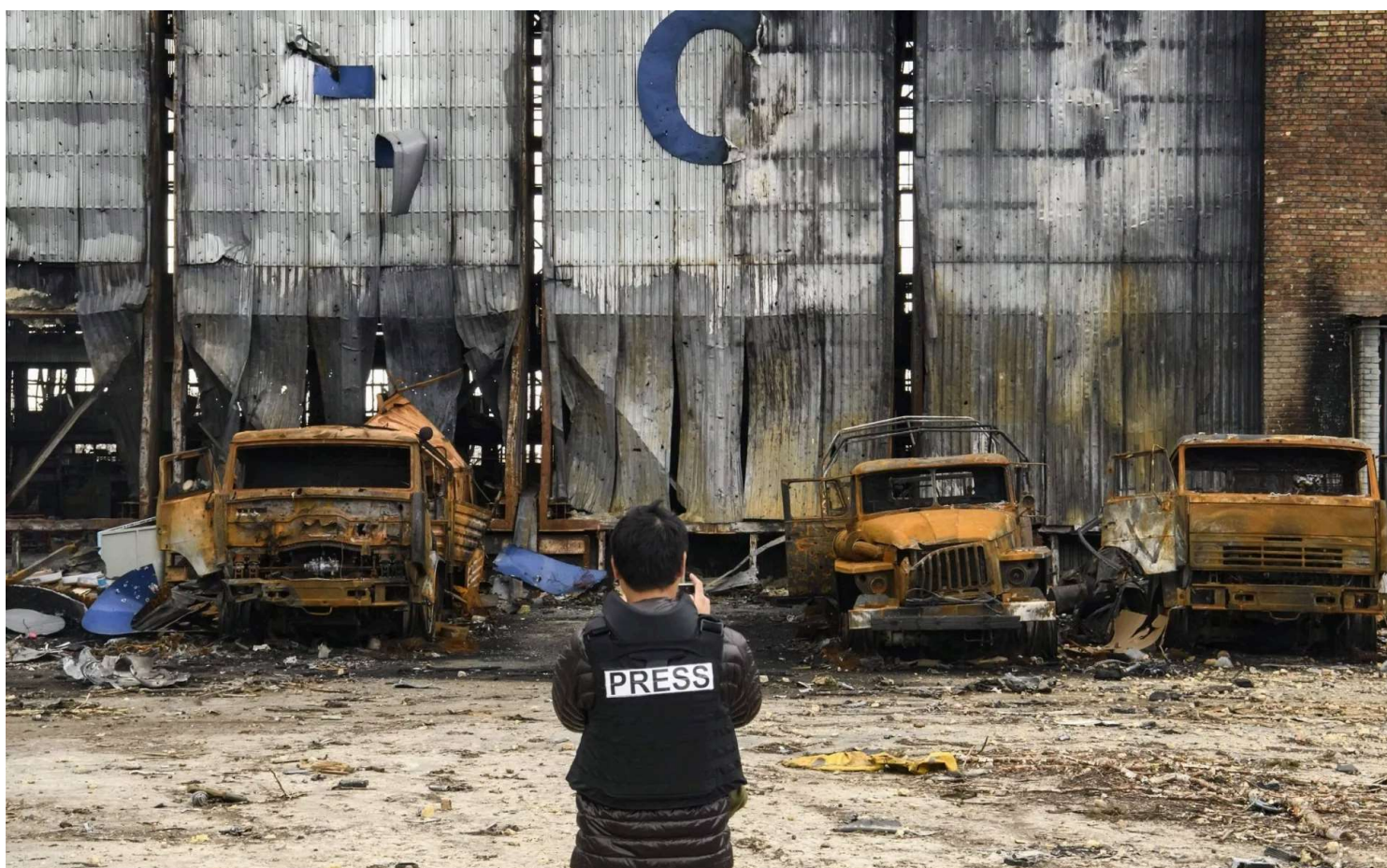


# EU boosts support for independent media in Ukraine with extra €10 million

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The European Union has announced an increase in its support for independent media in Ukraine, with a new €10 million funding package.

This new funding builds on more than €100 million that the European Union has already invested in independent media in Ukraine since 2017. Since the full scale invasion, the EU has supported independent media with around €37 million in grants, and supported the establishment of a centre in Przemyśl, Poland, to serve as a workspace for media evacuated from Ukraine that were able to get news about the Russian aggression to the world.

As part of the new package, the EU will provide €10 million for independent media to ensure their sustainability. The initiative will provide grants to a range of media organisations that will in turn support individual independent

journalists and media outlets through sub-grants:

- €3 million for **Internews Europe** to support media in war-affected regions and promote investigative journalism.
- €2 million to **Reporters Without Borders**, funding protection measures for at-risk journalists and supporting small media outlets.
- €1 million to the **Institute for Mass Information** for small and medium-sized media outlets.
- A further €1 million will be allocated to smaller-scale projects, such as the **Black Sea Foundation** and the **Docudays festival**.

An additional €3 million will be allocated through a new call for applications in May 2025. It will focus on strengthening local and regional media outlets and supporting investigative journalism in Ukraine.

*“Russia’s aggression extends beyond the battlefield. Russia uses massive disinformation to undermine unity and reduce international support,”* said Katarína Mathernová, EU Ambassador to Ukraine. *“A strong independent media in Ukraine is more crucial than ever, and EU funding will help sustain it.”*