

Nuttall slams EU funded propaganda

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• **UKIP MEP Paul Nuttall** slammed the passing of a new report yesterday at the European Parliament which calls on the EU to fund a new communication campaign that includes the training of journalists and the funding of local broadcasters.

This report, he said, "smells strongly of a move towards propoganda to me".

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Speaking in Strasbourg after the passing on an amendment to the Løkkegaard motion for resolution, Paul Nuttall MEP said: "Despite Barroso's 'State of the Union address' which claimed everything is going fine and the people are calling for more EU in their lives, the alternative motion on journalism that was voted through today was a damning indictment admitting that the EU is totally out of touch with the people.

"The report calls for drastic measures to improve the EU perception and to put more resources into a propaganda campaign to promote itself.

"However the worst is that EU is seeking to create a propaganda machine at the taxpayer's expense.

"EU training schemes for journalists especially young ones, specialised EU affairs and Parliament information offices that would see funding increased for locally targeted pro-EU campaigns. That the Commission would fund exchanges between broadcasters and "train" the public and private media sources is very dubious.

'The report also highlights the Commissions current funding of local radio and TV networks.

"This is a full frontal assault by the EU to create a propaganda machine and buy off journalists to saturate the media with pro-EU spin. This is totally unacceptable."