



## **The media's role and place in the European public sphere formation**

### **process: setting of the problem**

*The problem of an emerging European public sphere is thoroughly analyzed in the article. The goal of this paper is defined as the analysis of the problem of the media's status in the European public sphere formation process. According to the logic of this paper main attention is focused on the media functioning in a European communication space. A lot of attention in this paper is devoted to defining the key role of the national media. Empirical indicators for emergence of this public sphere are scrutinized. In the paper each empirical indicator is analyzed through the prism of the presence of two contexts in media coverage – European and national. As a conclusion it is noticed that while analyzing an emerging supranational public sphere in the EU we should thoroughly study the national media's role and place in this process. In the paper it is accentuated that such thesis is the result of the overview of empirical studies that have been conducted by European scientists.*

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