

**Question for written answer E-002504/2024/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU counter-disinformation strategy

The new technological era has made the world smaller and rendered people increasingly interconnected, opening up new opportunities for communication and data interchange. Unfortunately, these opportunities are not only being used to foster prosperity and mutual development. Russia has made disinformation an integral part of its hybrid warfare, which seeks to manipulate information environments, threatening people and governments to achieve geopolitical objectives.

Moreover, disinformation, alongside cyber operations, is regarded as a tool in a broader information policy designed to convey an often untrue narrative through state-controlled media and social media. The events that have been the subject of such information attacks include, but are not limited to, the 2014 annexation of Crimea, the 2020 US presidential election, and Brexit.

Given the above, can the Commission please answer the following:

1. Does the Commission have an information strategy to counter Russia's disinformation strategy, and does it conduct proactive information campaigns on topics that are key to the EU's existence?
2. Is there an effective mechanism for coordinating counter-disinformation efforts, which is implemented in dispersed agencies and institutions in collaboration with national governments and international organisations such as NATO? Are Ukraine, the UK and other like-minded countries involved in this cooperation?

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