

Question for written answer E-002652/2024

to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Election interference through social media platforms

The increased use of hybrid strategies and operations by state and non-state actors poses a threat to the security and shared democratic values of the Member States and of our partner countries. These operations include information manipulation and cyberattacks, which pose a threat to the integrity of democratic processes. In recent elections we have seen the growing influence of social media platforms owned by non-EU countries, such as TikTok, through which targeted disinformation is used to manipulate the outcome of elections.

1. Does the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy consider the current legal framework sufficient to address the threat of potential interference with electoral processes in the Member States through social media platforms owned by non-EU countries?
2. What further measures does the Vice-President of the Commission . High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy consider necessary to counter efforts to interfere with elections in the Member States and in our partner countries through social media platforms?

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