

**Question for written answer E-002860/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Concerns regarding Hungarian intelligence agency activities targeting EU officials

In recent weeks, media reports have raised serious concerns regarding the activities of the Hungarian Information Office (IH)¹. The reports allege that IH targeted investigators from the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) between 2015 and 2017. These activities allegedly included physical surveillance, phone tapping and accessing laptops during hotel stays.

Considering the potential severity of these allegations and their impact on trust and cooperation within the EU, can the Commission answer the following:

1. If the above activities are confirmed, does the Commission consider them to be common practice or isolated incidents?
2. What measures will the Commission take to investigate these allegations and ensure the safety and security of EU officials operating within Hungary?

The Commission should acknowledge the seriousness of the allegations and initiate a formal investigation. It could also emphasise the importance of respecting the rule of law and protecting EU officials. The Commission should also consider demanding explanations from the Hungarian Government and exploring potential consequences if the allegations are proven to be true.

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¹ <https://www.politico.eu/article/hungary-viktor-orban-cia-spy-wiretap-hack-laptop-eu-officials-information-office-budapest-olaf/>.