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Subject: Statements by former Commissioner Thierry Breton on the upcoming parliamentary elections in Germany: a threat to democracy

On 9 January 2025, in an interview on RMC, former European Commissioner Thierry Breton suggested that the European Union had played a role in the judicial process that led to the cancellation of the presidential elections in Romania. He added that the EU could consider similar action in Germany, notably if the AfD were to win the elections, owing to concerns about possible foreign interference, in particular by Elon Musk.

These statements raise questions about the EU's commitment to democratic principles and the sovereignty of the Member States.

1. Can the Commission clarify these statements and state whether it intervened, or could have intervened in any way, in the process leading to the cancellation of the first round of the elections in Romania?

2. What criteria could justify such a measure in other Member States?

3. What powers does the Commission have to intervene in national elections?

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