

Question for written answer E-001291/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: Questionable European intelligence service reports on an impending Russian attack on the EU as a pretext for debt-financed arms build-up programmes

The threat posed by Russia, despite its rather limited military successes after more than three years of war in Ukraine, is being deliberately exaggerated in EU propaganda in order to instil maximum fear in the European population and create a supposed need for debt-financed arms build-up programmes costing billions. For instance, citing European intelligence service reports, Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Kaja Kallas have been warning for months about an attack by Russia on EU Member States that may be in the offing over the next few years. Those intelligence service reports also form the basis for the Commission's case for the EUR 800 billion 'ReArm Europe' military build-up plan presented on 4 March 2025. However, no mention is made by those in charge of what this supposed attack might specifically involve or how Russia's army, which is not in good shape, would be able to make such a threat a reality.

1. What are the specific European intelligence service reports that are cited by the Commission, and what solid evidence and information is there that backs up its alarming warnings?
2. How does the Commission justify the potential misuse of unrealistic intelligence service reports to provide grounds for a debt-financed arms build-up programme costing billions?
3. What other security threat analyses have been contracted by the Commission, and how high do they assess the likelihood of an actual attack by Russia on EU Member States?

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