

Question for written answer E-001566/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: The upgrading of the EU's repressive mechanisms through ProtectEU at the expense of the people and their struggles against its war plans

The 'European Internal Security Strategy' (ProtectEU), along with the 'White Paper', the 'Preparedness Strategy' and the 'European Democracy Shield', complete the armouring of the EU framework for EU war preparation in the context of intensifying competition with China and Russia but even also the US – the simultaneous confrontation of the 'enemy within' for repression at the expense of the people.

In view of this:

1. What is the Commission's position on the fact that the protection of 'critical infrastructure' in the context of war preparations bears no relation to the real needs of the people for civil protection, such as flood and fire protection measures, which have for a long time demonstrably not been included among the priorities of the EU and bourgeois governments, as they do not guarantee immediate profits for monopoly groups, in contrast to the war industry for which good money is paid by the people?
2. What is the Commission's position on the fact that infrastructure that is truly critical for the people, such as highways, bridges, railways, etc., is, due to the priority given to the war economy and 'military mobility', being devalued and condemned to decline without the required funding from the EU and governments, resulting in great risks to the safety and lives of passengers and workers, but at the same time the transport of NATO war cargo constitutes a risk to life and the potential cause of a large-scale accident?
3. What is the Commission's position on the fact that the upgrading of the role of the EU's repressive mechanisms, as reflected in the 'security strategy', signals an intensification of the attack on the people and the suppression of workers' and popular mobilisations against its war plans?

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