

**Question for written answer E-002298/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Russian ‘shadow fleet’ – threats to Baltic Sea infrastructure and European security

Multiple Member States have voiced concern over Russia’s ‘shadow fleet’ in the Baltic Sea, which poses a growing threat to critical infrastructure and undermines the EU’s maritime security, transparency and strategic resilience.

Given the Baltic Sea’s pivotal importance for intra-European energy flows, military coordination and trade, and in view of the recent calls by EU Ministers for coordinated measures to address these threats:

1. What specific budgetary allocations, including relevant EU instruments, have been made since 2022 to monitor, deter, or eliminate malign interference in Baltic Sea infrastructure, specifically with regard to Russian hybrid maritime threats, including the shadow fleet?
2. Can the Commission provide up-to-date statistical data or intelligence assessments (where possible declassified) regarding the scope and operational patterns of Russia’s shadow fleet in the Baltic Sea, including the number of vessels, their flag states, ownership structures and any links to sanctioned entities or individuals?
3. What strategic and operational measures – deployed or planned – does the Commission envisage to address the security threat posed by Russia’s shadow fleet in the Baltic Sea, and does it intend to support joint maritime monitoring and situational awareness among Baltic States and; if so, through which instruments and according to what timeline?

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