

Question for written answer E-002623/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Zelenskyy's propagandistic alert over alleged imminent Russian military operations in Europe

On 22 July 2025, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy posted an alarming message on the Telegram platform claiming that his government had evidence Russian leaders were preparing new military operations in Europe. He said he would inform his international partners about these supposed facts from the Ukrainian intelligence services. Joint defence decisions are already in progress, particularly with the EU and the UK.¹

This approach of confronting the European public with unsubstantiated war alerts must be seen as a targeted, propagandistic escalation strategy. It raises serious questions, especially as defence decisions do not fall within the EU's remit and cannot be centrally coordinated by Brussels. Zelenskyy is presenting himself as a compliant EU centralist – seemingly in return for generous Western 'war backing' – who is willing to drag the entire continent into a regional conflict.

1. Has the Commission received robust evidence from the Zelenskyy Government of alleged imminent Russian military operations in Europe?
2. According to the information provided, which EU Member States are under threat and how will these military operations take place in the light of Russia's stalling offensive in Ukraine?
3. What common defence actions have been taken by the Commission and Ukraine and what legal basis does the Commission believe supports its competence in this regard?

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¹ <https://www.diepresse.com/19821031/ukraine-krieg-selenskij-warnt-vor-russischen-militaeroperationen-in-europa>