

**Question for written answer E-003379/2025  
to the Commission  
Rule 144  
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**Subject:** Activities of the pro-Russian civic association ‘Brat za Brata’ in Slovakia

The civic association ‘Brat za Brata’ has been operating in Slovakia since 2019 and is publicly known for its pro-Russian leanings and dissemination of Kremlin narratives about the war in Ukraine. According to Slovak media, members of the organisation are in contact with the Russian Embassy in Bratislava and actively support Russia’s aggression against Ukraine, for instance through the use of ‘Z’ symbol or by organising events of a pro-Kremlin character.

A criminal complaint has been filed against the organisation on suspicion of treason and undermining the democratic system, as politicians and security experts believe that this group may pose a security threat and potentially be receiving funding from Moscow.

In August 2025, this group launched a ‘driving campaign’ across Slovakia, taking in military memorials – from Bratislava’s Slavín to the Dukla Pass – with the aim of symbolically evoking the Soviet military tradition and reinforcing a pro-Russian interpretation of history.

1. Is the Commission aware of the activities of the ‘Brat za Brata’ civic association in Slovakia and its pro-Russian activities, which may undermine democratic values and the security of the EU?
2. Is the Commission monitoring this organisation, or other similar pro-Russian entities in the Member States, as regards their possible links to hybrid operations being conducted by the Russian Federation?
3. Is the Commission considering a proposal for a blanket ban or sanctions against organisations of this type that openly promote the aggression of a foreign power and undermine the security and democratic foundations of the Union?

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