

Question for written answer E-003391/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
Erik Kaliňák (NI)

Subject: Does the Commission only disseminate verified information?

In connection with a trip made by the Commission President, the Commission recently published an allegation – referencing unspecified Bulgarian authorities – blaming Russia for disrupting her flight’s GPS navigation, resulting in the flight being delayed. The Commission then went on to state that threats and intimidation are a regular feature of Russia’s hostile behaviour¹. However, Flightradar24 reacted to this statement, stressing that the data from the aircraft transponder indicate that the navigation operated normally throughout the flight from Warsaw to Plovdiv and described the claims of interference as false².

In light of the above, I would like to ask the Commission:

1. Is the Commission aware of the risk it is exposing EU citizens to by making unverified allegations in the current tense international climate?
2. How does the Commission’s system to fight disinformation work, when ‘verified information’ is being questioned within a few days on factual grounds?
3. What other claims and allegations made by the Commission against third countries and Member States alike were based on unverified information?

Submitted: 3.9.2025

¹ <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/sep/01/russia-suspected-jamming-gps-plane-carrying-ursula-von-der-leyen-eu>

² <https://brusselssignal.eu/2025/09/did-von-der-leyens-plane-really-suffer-from-gps-jamming/>