

Question for written answer E-004454/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: Russian sabotage activities and non-inclusion of Russia on the EU list of high-risk third countries for money laundering and terrorist financing

Despite the ongoing war of aggression, overwhelming evidence of corruption, support for organised crime, including cybercriminals, and financial links with other high-risk regions, Russia is still not on the EU list of high-risk third countries for money laundering and terrorist financing.

A year ago, during a debate on this topic, Commissioner Mairead McGuinness said ‘we need a strong legal case based on robust evidence’¹.

In its resolution of 9 October 2025, Parliament stressed that Russian sabotage activities constitute state terrorism and pointed to the ‘need to apply the available legal frameworks for combating terrorism to Russia’s hostile activities, which violate EU Member States’ territorial sovereignty, undermine the integrity of their institutions and directly threaten the safety of the civilian population’. In this context, Parliament adopted my call for the Commission to ‘initiate a procedure to classify Russia as a high-risk third country for money laundering and terrorist financing under Regulation (EU) 2016/1675 as one of the measures to limit Russia’s capacity to conduct state terrorism’².

The fact that this has not been achieved at international level through the FATF is not due to a lack of knowledge of the facts, but to the fact that some countries, applying bureaucratic procedures, have adopted a blocking stance. On this matter the EU should decide independently, since it maintains its own list.

1. Why, despite clear facts and repeated calls, has the EU still not put Russia on the list of high-risk countries?
2. When does the Commission intend to do so?

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¹ EP debate on 13 November 2024: Fight against money laundering and terrorist financing: listing Russia as a high-risk third country in the EU https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/CRE-10-2024-11-13-ITM-017_EN.html

² Paragraph 7 of the European Parliament resolution of 9 October 2025 on a united response to recent Russian violations of the EU Member States’ airspace and critical infrastructure https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-10-2025-0230_EN.html