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Subject: Nord Stream sabotage: Germany's European arrest warrant against the suspected Ukrainian combatant

The sabotage of the Nord Stream pipelines in September 2022 dealt a severe blow to Russia's energy leverage over the EU, disrupting a key tool of Moscow's hybrid warfare strategy. By severing this channel of Russian gas, the attack accelerated the EU's shift toward diversified energy sources, reducing our dependence on an aggressor state. This aligns with the EU's long-term interests, as it weakens Russia's economic grip. The sabotage has yielded strategic benefits for the EU, advancing our energy security and unity. Meanwhile, Germany has issued a European arrest warrant for the suspected Ukrainian saboteur.

President of the Commission Ursula von der Leyen has consistently framed Russia as the EU's adversary, stating on 8 October 2025 that it wages a 'deliberate and targeted grey zone campaign' to 'divide our Union' through hybrid tactics. On 1 March 2022, she declared that Ukraine is fighting 'not only for its own survival but also for our own: for our fundamental values; for our security'.

1. What is the Commission's opinion on extraditions of Ukrainian combatants?
2. What measures will the Commission take to capitalise on the sabotage's disruption of Russia's influence, ensuring continued support for Ukraine as it defends our shared values?

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