

Question for written answer E-004620/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: Outrageous lies about the EU system

Disinformation and fake news continue to poison the minds of EU citizens, with the aim being to increase distrust in decisions taken by the EU institutions and the thrust of our foreign policy.

The two latest lies doing the rounds on social media, which also use AI images to convey their message are: 1 – Ursula von der Leyen fled the plenary because Prime Minister Viktor Orban appeared with physical evidence of fraud worth billions orchestrated by the Commission President; 2 – 40 % of the EU budget is going to Ukraine.

1. Given that Parliament is working on a range of procedures to adapt legislation to new challenges, but these procedures are taking time, what is the Commission considering doing to protect citizens from disinformation that may lead to their electoral disengagement and the cementing of Kremlin-driven schools of thought?
2. Is the Commission considering setting up a rapid reaction mechanism to effectively combat anti-EU-system propaganda?
3. Does it have a status report showing the proportion of fake political/economic/military news on social networks operating in the EU?

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