

Question for written answer E-004643/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Geheimdienst II: Clarification regarding reported plans for a new strategic intelligence-analysis unit inside the Commission

Several press reports¹ have described internal discussions within the Commission about establishing a small unit in the Secretariat-General to centralise strategic information and improve crisis preparedness. These reports have fuelled speculation about the Commission moving towards a more intelligence-oriented role.

Given that intelligence collection and national security remain the exclusive responsibility of the Member States under Article 4(2) of the Treaty on European Union (TEU)², and that any EU structure exercising intelligence-gathering powers would require a change to the Treaty, clarity is needed as to the scope and limits of any such internal initiative.

1. Is the Commission currently planning, considering, or exploring the creation of a new internal unit with an intelligence-analysis or intelligence-coordination function?
2. If so, what mandate, sources of information, and internal safeguards are being proposed to ensure that such a structure remains strictly within the Commission's administrative competences and does not infringe upon Member States' exclusive authority in national security?
3. Can the Commission confirm that it has neither sought nor intends to seek intelligence-gathering powers, which would be incompatible with the current Treaties without formal revision by the Member States?

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¹ Financial Times, Euronews, Brussels Signal, and others referring to a potential 'EU intelligence unit'.

² Article 4(2) TEU: national security remains the sole responsibility of each Member State.