

Question for written answer E-004959/2025

to the Commission

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Subject: Lack of Treaty basis for the establishment of a European Democratic Resilience Centre and the Commission's interference in electoral processes in the Member States

In its communication on the European Democracy Shield, the Commission announced the creation of a European Democratic Resilience Centre. While it described in detail the tasks of the Centre in key areas for security and the electoral processes of the Member States, it did not identify any legal basis. In our view, in accordance with the Treaties, including Article 5 TEU, there is no such basis. Unlike the EEAS, which has been analysing and warning against Russian propaganda for years, the initiative to establish this Centre and subordinate it to the Commission is an open attempt to expand its competences. An undemocratic body such as the Commission does not have the right to interfere in Member States' electoral processes and create de facto oversight bodies in this area. It is unacceptable that, through its communication and the establishment of the Centre, it is attempting to influence elections, which are a key area that is reserved for Member States and their sovereignty.

1. What is the Treaty basis for the Commission's intention to create a centre of influence over electoral processes in the Member States?
2. Why is the Commission relying on the work of the EEAS in combating FIMI to attempt, in practice, to extend its powers beyond the limits of EU law?
3. Does the Commission acknowledge that the establishment of a Centre with a separate budget and staff and producing analyses, assessments and expert publications for it which influence its policy decisions effectively constitutes the creation of a new quasi-institutional entity, which, in accordance with case law (Meroni and C-270/12 ESMA), is inadmissible without an explicit basis in primary or secondary law?

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