

Question for written answer E-001164/2026

to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

Rule 144

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Subject: Geheimdienst V – issues regarding competence and the relationship between the proposed Commission ‘intelligence cell’, the Commission’s ECDR and EU INTCEN

The European External Action Service (EEAS) hosts the EU Intelligence and Situation Centre (INTCEN), which analyses intelligence voluntarily shared by the Member States to support the EU’s common foreign and security policy.

However, the Commission has confirmed that it is considering establishing an internal ‘intelligence cell’ to strengthen its analytical capacities¹. It has already created the European Centre for Democratic Resilience (ECDR), dealing with foreign interference, which can be interpreted as a matter of security.

Given that the Commission’s role in foreign policy is limited, can the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR) answer the following:

1. Has the VP/HR been consulted regarding the Commission’s plans to establish such structures and can she confirm whether she or the Commission made a request to the Member States about possibly sharing intelligence or EU classified information?
2. In the VP/HR’s view, would creating an intelligence-analysis capability within the Commission duplicate or overlap with the analytical functions currently carried out by EU INTCEN?
3. Does the VP/HR consider that establishing such a structure within the Commission would be compatible with the institutional balance established by the Treaties, particularly regarding the role of the EEAS and EU INTCEN in intelligence analysis related to the EU’s foreign and security policy?

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¹ Answer to Written Question, E-004545/2025(ASW), https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-004545-ASW_EN.html.