

Question for written answer E-001745/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Preventing charter platforms and intermediaries from being used to circumvent EU aviation sanctions against Russia

On 23 April 2026, Swedish public broadcaster SVT¹ reported allegations that Russian brokers and customers linked to the Russian elite have been using the Swedish company Avinode – a major digital marketplace for private aviation – to circumvent EU sanctions after restructuring or re-registering operations through countries such as Türkiye, Cyprus and the United Arab Emirates.

1. How does the Commission assess the responsibilities of digital charter platforms and other intermediaries under Regulation (EU) No 833/2014² when their services may enable Russian clients or proxies to access the European private aviation market, directly or indirectly, via third countries?
2. Does the Commission see a need for further guidance or additional requirements for platforms, brokers and operators, particularly regarding beneficial ownership checks, complex group structures, re-registrations in high-risk jurisdictions and the reporting of suspected circumvention?
3. What additional EU-level measures are being considered to prevent the use of third-country subsidiaries, shell companies or restructuring arrangements to bypass aviation sanctions, especially in private aviation?

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¹ <https://www.svt.se/nyheter/granskning/svenskt-foretag-hjalper-ryska-eliten-att-runda-eus-sanktioner-for-att-semestra-i-europa>.

² Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 of 31 July 2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine (OJ L 229, 31.7.2014, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2014/833/oj>).