

**Question for written answer E-003612/2026
to the Commission**

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Subject: US interference, protection of digital rights and countering extraterritorial sanctions in the Autistici/Inventati case

On 26 August 2026, the US Treasury issued Executive Order 13224 designating Autistici/Inventati – a long-standing independent Italian collective that has been providing secure web services to activists and associations for 25 years – as a ‘terrorist’ organisation.

Under the threat of US secondary sanctions, the ‘autistici.org’ domain has been disabled and Banca Etica has been forced to freeze the association’s account. This state of affairs is circumventing the rule of law and Italian jurisdiction, running counter to the judgment of the Court of Justice of the European Union of 11 June 2026 on foreign sanctions.

Lacking any criminal investigation or prosecution in Italy, these unilateral measures from Washington target freedom of expression, suppress dissent and favour big tech monopolies to the detriment of independent networks, in breach of Article 11 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights.

In the view of the above:

1. What action will the Commission push for, for example by means of Regulation (EC) No 2271/96 (the blocking statute), to counter the blackmailing behaviour of US secondary sanctions and defend citizens and businesses against interference from third countries?
2. How will it protect the independent digital space, which is currently at the mercy of foreign arbitrary decisions, taken outside of any national democratic and judicial control?
3. Does it consider it acceptable for foreign political sanctions to encroach on the rule of law, and what tools will it use to ensure that citizens’ fundamental rights are not undermined?

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