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Subject: Protecting territorial integrity and countering transnational political interference in the European Union

AfD representatives have promoted and participated in initiatives and statements relating to Alto Adige / Südtirol that represent serious interference in Italy's constitutional arrangements and the bilateral relations between Italy and Austria. These included a conference in the Bundestag on the Gruber-De Gasperi Agreement, attended by speakers with quasi-secessionist positions, and Jean-Pascal Hohm's participation in a congress of the Süd-Tiroler Freiheit movement, at which he used slogans disputing that the territory belongs to the Italian Republic.

These initiatives are particularly worrying as they are promoted by foreign political actors and in institutional fora, too, which serves to legitimise narratives that call into question the borders and sovereignty of a Member State. This is a serious encroachment of Italy's constitutional framework: Alto Adige's territorial integrity and special self-governing status are founding principles of the legal system, and should not be susceptible to interference by political forces from countries not covered by the bilateral treaties or to weaponisation for secessionist purposes.

In view of the above:

1. What tools does the Commission have available to counter transnational policy initiatives that undermine the territorial integrity of a Member State?
2. Will it intervene when political actors from other countries promote secessionist narratives relating to EU territories, including in institutional forums?
3. How can the Commission protect local self-government and linguistic minorities, and ensure they are not weaponised for constitutional destabilisation?

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