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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission replied to written question E-001534/2024 on 6 January 2025 reiterating its position of strong condemnation of Russia's espionage, hybrid threats and disinformation campaigns.

As also stated in that reply, the country chapter for Poland of the 2023 Rule of Law Report¹, factually reported on the arrest by the Polish Security Services and the charge of illegal espionage on behalf of Russia of Pablo González. It did so on the basis of information brought at the time to the attention of the Commission by different organisations as well as an alert published on the Council of Europe's platform. The Commission did not make an assessment about this case and usually refers to such alerts in its Rule of Law Report in relation to all Member States. The Commission has always been clear in its statements that it does not comment on national criminal investigations and the administration of justice in Member States and pays careful attention to any references to individual cases in the Rule of Law Reports.

The Commission remains committed to strengthening the Rule of Law Report, as expressed in the Political Guidelines².

¹ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/b576c76e-0755-4690-9266-7895c4294433_en?filename=48_1_52627_coun_chap_poland_en.pdf

² https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/e6cd4328-673c-4e7a-8683-f63ffb2cf648_en?filename=Political%20Guidelines%202024-2029_EN.pdf