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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
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The EU has been vocal about the nefarious influence and activities of the Wagner Group in the Central African Republic (CAR), including with the Government of CAR. Under its Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime¹, the EU has listed the Wagner Group for committing serious human rights abuses and several individuals and entities (Sewa Security Services, Lobaye Invest SARLU, Diamville, and Radio Lengo Sengo) active in the CAR for their involvement in or association with the Group. These individuals and entities are subject to an asset freeze and the individuals to a travel ban to the EU. EU citizens and companies are forbidden from making funds or economic resources available to them.

The EU's humanitarian and development cooperation portfolio in the CAR includes activities that provide protection, legal assistance, psychosocial support and medical care to victims of human rights abuses. The EU has also been supporting accountability and transitional justice mechanisms through support to civil society organisations, human rights defenders, and the Special Criminal Court, whose mandate consist of investigating, prosecuting, and trying serious human rights violations and serious breaches of international humanitarian law committed in the territory of the CAR since 1 January 2003.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02020D1999-20250220>.