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Question for written answer E-001953/25
to the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
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(15 May 2025)

Subject: Spy network operated by Hungary's military secret services

Following recent revelations by Ukraine's security service (SBU), which claims a spy network operated by Hungary's military secret services is present in the region of Transcarpathia — a territory internationally recognised as an integral part of Ukraine — I would like to convey my deep concern and request clarification, as the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, as to the Union's position with regard to these events.

If confirmed, it is not only a serious violation of Ukraine's sovereignty, but also undermines the fundamental principles of mutual trust and solidarity between Member States.

Given how serious the situation is and its potential impact on the Union's external relations and internal cohesion, I would like to ask:

1. Will the Union take an official stance to express its condemnation of or concern about these allegations of espionage carried out by a Member State while a war is going on?
2. Does the Union plan to take steps to independently and impartially investigate the information provided by the Ukrainian authorities?

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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas on behalf of the European Commission
(8 July 2025)

The Commission services and the European External Action Service (EEAS) are aware of the reports made public by the Security Service of Ukraine about the alleged uncovering of a spy network in the Zakarpattia region of Ukraine. The Commission services and the EEAS have not received any official request from the Ukrainian authorities to assist in their investigation.

As per Article 4 of the Treaty on the European Union ⁽¹⁾, the EU and the Member States shall, in full mutual respect, assist each other in carrying out tasks which flow from the Treaties, pursuant to the principle of sincere cooperation.

⁽¹⁾ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/resource.html?uri=cellar:c382f65d-618a-4c72-9135-1e68087499fa.0006.02/DOC_2&format=PDF.