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Answer given by Ms Albuquerque
on behalf of the European Commission
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The President of the European Commission has publicly announced¹ that the Commission has proposed to include the use of crypto currencies within the scope of the prohibitions in its proposal for the 19th package of sanctions on Russia. As the proposal is currently under negotiation in the Council, the Commission is not in a position to comment on specific details at this stage.

The Commission would like to recall that it is the prerogative of the Council to determine the content of Council Regulations. The Commission, as guardian of the Treaties, remains fully committed to combating the circumvention of sanctions, including through the use of crypto currencies, wherever such practices can be identified.

Finally, while the Commission contributes to the development of sanctions policy and provides guidance on implementation, Member States have the primary responsibility to monitor the application of Council Regulations and to take the necessary steps for enforcement. In its role as guardian of the Treaties, the Commission will continue monitoring the situation and may decide to take appropriate action.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/statement_25_2138.