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The Commission does not monitor domestic associations and groups within individual Member States. Such matters primarily fall within the remit of the national authorities, as national security is the sole responsibility of each Member State under Article 4(2) of the Treaty on European Union. It is for the competent Slovak authorities to investigate the organisation's actions and to take measures in line with national legislation.

The European External Action Service (EEAS) has taken a leading role in addressing Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference (FIMI), a growing security and foreign policy threat for the EU. The EEAS focuses its monitoring and analytical work on external actors (FIMI), in particular those stemming from the Russian Federation. While domestic groups within Member States do not fall under the scope of EEAS monitoring, the EEAS maintains close coordination with national authorities and EU institutions to ensure situational awareness and to share relevant insights in their efforts to address FIMI, including through close cooperation within the Rapid Alert System and by providing regular exposure and debunks of FIMI by hostile state actors via the EUvsDiSiNFO¹ platform.

With the European Democracy Shield, the Commission will further boost the EU collective capacity to monitor, detect and anticipate information manipulation and disinformation campaigns and strengthen resilience through a whole-of-society approach, building on existing instruments, networks, tools and structures².

The Commission is not considering a blanket ban or sanctions against domestic organisations, as such matters generally fall within the remit of individual member states. The EEAS on its part is able to submit proposals for listings under the Council's horizontal framework³ of restrictive measures in response to Russia's destabilising actions. The sanctions regime targets those engaged in actions and policies by the government of the Russian Federation, which undermine the fundamental values of the EU and its Member States, their security, stability, independence and integrity. Decisions on specific listings under this sanction regime are taken by the Council.

¹ <https://euvsdisinfo.eu/>.

² JOIN (2025) 791.

³ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2024/10/08/russia-eu-sets-up-new-framework-for-restrictive-measures-against-those-responsible-for-destabilising-activities-against-the-eu-and-its-member-states/>.