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Answer given by President von der Leyen
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission is committed to upholding transparency and ensuring that all its public statements and communications are based on verified and accurate information.

Regarding the specific case mentioned by the Honourable Member, the Commission can confirm that the aircraft carrying the President of the Commission to Bulgaria experienced Global Positioning System (GPS) interference. However, the plane landed safely. The incident was investigated and verified by the Bulgarian Air Traffic Services Authority. Additionally, the Bulgarian Prime Minister issued a statement¹ confirming the radio interference on the President's flight.

The Commission's approach to addressing foreign information manipulation and interference (FIMI), including disinformation, involves collaboration with Member States, EU institutions, online platforms, and civil society. Part of this approach involves addressing systemic risks on very large online platforms, while fully respecting fundamental rights, and promoting access to accurate and reliable information, including through supporting independent journalism and media. Additionally, the European External Action Service exposes FIMI actors and operations.

¹ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUdi4z0l6D0>.