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Question for written answer E-003823/25
to the Commission
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Subject: Creation of a European centre for democratic resilience

In her State of the Union address, the Commission President announced the creation of a European centre for democratic resilience. While this initiative appears important, many details remain unclear.

Can the Commission clarify the following:

1. What will be the precise functions, powers and structure of this new body, and will civil society be consulted about its establishment?
2. What budget will be allocated to the centre to ensure that it can effectively fulfil its mission?
3. Which Commissioners will hold political responsibility for its oversight and operation, and how will the Commission involve Parliament in the creation of this new entity?

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Answer given by Mr McGrath on behalf of the European Commission
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As announced by the President of the Commission in her State of the Union address and detailed in the recently presented European Democracy Shield⁽¹⁾, the European Centre for Democratic Resilience ('the Centre') will facilitate information sharing and support operational cooperation and capacity building to withstand evolving common threats, in particular foreign information manipulation and interference (FIMI) and disinformation.

Its aim will be to improve situational awareness and the capacity to anticipate and detect threats, develop a robust and coordinated early warning system and support rapid response capacity.

It will also support the raising of awareness to prepare and empower societies and institutions, making them more resilient to information manipulation and disinformation.

Its work will contribute to consolidating the EU's whole-of-society approach to strengthen preparedness, increase awareness and build democratic resilience.

To support better cooperation and coordination at EU level, the Centre will bring together expertise and capacities across Member States, EU candidate countries and potential candidates, and EU institutions, bodies, offices and agencies, including the European External Action Service (EEAS), as relevant.

The Centre will primarily work as a dedicated hub for exchange and operational cooperation. A Stakeholder Platform for independent non-institutional stakeholders will be established to enable contributions from a broad set of relevant stakeholders and communities and to feed these contributions into the work of the Centre.

The functioning of the Centre will be supported from existing resources under this Multi-Annual Financial Framework.

The Commissioner for Democracy, Justice, the Rule of Law and Consumer Protection will hold political responsibility for this Centre. The Commission will regularly update the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the European Democracy Shield.

1 Communication on the European Democracy Shield, JOIN(2025) 791 final, 12 November 2025: https://commission.europa.eu/document/2539eb53-9485-4199-bfdc-97166893ff45_en