

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-000212/26
to the Commission
Fabio De Masi (NI)
(20 January 2026)**

Subject: Supporting evidence for decision to sanction Jacques Baud and Hüseyin Doğru

The Commission imposed sanctions for ‘Russian propaganda’ on Jacques Baud in December 2025 and the journalist Hüseyin Doğru in May 2025. ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾

1. What specific evidence does the Commission have to prove that the individuals it has sanctioned — Jacques Baud and Hüseyin Doğru — are acting on behalf of a foreign power and have, in exchange, accepted monetary benefits or benefits in kind?
2. Has the Commission provided the Swiss authorities with information of this sort on Baud?

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**Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas on behalf of the European Commission
(7 April 2026)**

The reasons for every listing are public and contained in the annex to the legal acts ⁽¹⁾. Those reasons are underpinned by ample open source evidence which, following the data protection regulations, is at the disposal of the listed persons or their legal representatives upon request.

These restrictive measures were adopted by the Council acting in unanimity. Every person designated by the Council can bring forward a legal challenge and contest their listing in front of the Court of Justice of the European Union, which is independent, and ensures that any listing is lawful. Where the Court decides that a listing does not comply with the EU law, it has the power to annul the listing.

The European External Action Service maintains regular contact with the Swiss authorities. Following the adoption of Council Decision (CFSP) 2025/2572, Switzerland was provided with additional clarifications.

¹ <https://www.berliner-zeitung.de/politik-gesellschaft/geopolitik/eu-sanktionen-journalist-hueseyin-dogru-existenzminimum-li.10013713>.

² <https://www.fr.de/politik/jacques-baud-wegen-ukraine-propaganda-sanktioniert-cancel-culture-94114189.html>.

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2025/2572 of 15 December 2025 amending Decision (CFSP) 2024/2643 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's destabilising activities https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=OJ:L_202502572 and Council Decision (CFSP) 2025/966 of 20 May 2025 amending Decision (CFSP) 2024/2643 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's destabilising activities: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dec/2025/966/oj/eng>.