

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-001052/26
to the Council
Christine Anderson (ESN)
(13 March 2026)**

Subject: Geheimdienst III — Commission plans for an ‘intelligence cell’ — position of the Council and the Member States

In previous replies to parliamentary questions concerning reports about a possible EU ‘intelligence unit’, the Council stated that it does not comment on press reports (see reply to Written Question E-004612/2025) ⁽¹⁾.

However, in its reply of 6 March 2026 to Written Question E-004643/2025 ⁽²⁾, the Commission confirmed that it is considering establishing an internal ‘intelligence cell’ intended to complement its analytical capacities.

Article 4(2) of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) states that national security remains the sole responsibility of the Member States.

In this context:

1. Has the Council, or any of its preparatory bodies, discussed the Commission’s plans to establish such an intelligence-analysis structure, either formally or informally, and does it consider that the establishment of such an intelligence-analysis structure within the Commission would require a specific legal basis under the Treaties or secondary legislation?
2. Do the Member States consider that the creation of an intelligence-analysis capability within the Commission would be compatible with Article 4(2) TEU, which provides that national security remains the sole responsibility of the Member States?
3. Have the Member States been consulted regarding the possible sharing of intelligence or security-related information with such a structure within the Commission?

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**Reply
(8 July 2026)**

The Council does not have anything further to add to its reply to Written Question E-004612/2025. The Council has not received, and is therefore not examining, any proposals involving the establishment of a capability of the nature described by the Honourable Member.

We would also point out that the interpretation of the Treaties does not fall within the Council’s competences.

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-004612-ASW_EN.html.

² https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-004545-ASW_EN.html.