

**Question for written answer E-012284/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Working group on countering Russian propaganda

From 1 September 2015, a group of eight EU officials will work on ways of countering what the Commission views as a massive propaganda campaign by the Russian Government. What is the precise make-up of the working group?

According to a number of news reports (for example that published on EurActiv.fr on 28 August 2015), the working group has not been allocated a budget. Some resources, however, for example from the European Endowment for Democracy, have already been used for similar purposes. What is the amount involved?

Will the working group function on a temporary or permanent basis?