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to the Commission**
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Subject: White Paper on the future of the EU

There is growing debate on the possible paths for the future of the European Union the Commission presented in its recent White Paper. Of all the possible variants, one thing is clear: the EU and Russia will continue to coexist and the nature of their relationship will play a huge part in shaping the future of both. It is therefore paradoxical that the White Paper does not mention Russia in this regard, given the extraordinary talent it is considered to have for interfering in global and European affairs.

Is the European Union interested in reestablishing equal and mutually beneficial relations with Russia?

Is establishing peace and good relations with Russia a priority of the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy?

Does the Commission intend to revive the Eastern partnership project? If so, how does it intend to do this and under what conditions?