

**Question for written answer E-000491/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Expert group on fake news

On 15 January 2018 the Commission opened the first meeting of the High-Level Expert Group on Fake News in Brussels. The aim of this 39-member group is to consider developing a European strategy to combat fake news. This group was established in response to lively debates following allegations of disinformation campaigns, particularly on social networks.

This is not the first time the Commission has taken an interest in fake news. Indeed, in 2015, the East StratCom Task Force was set up by the EEAS (European External Action Service). One of the responsibilities of this task force, made up of a dozen researchers and a network of 400 experts, journalists and NGOs, was to analyse disinformation movements in order to explain them and attempt to correct them.

Can the Commission therefore say what relations and connections there will be between the High-Level Expert Group on Fake News and the East StratCom Task Force?