

Question for written answer E-000092/2019/rev.1
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Activities of the British disinformation network 'Integrity Initiative'

On 4 January 2019, the hacking group 'Anonymous' published a scanned copy of confidential documents confirming the existence and activities of the British data project 'Integrity Initiative'. A network operates under this name throughout Europe and mainly spreads disinformation about Russia. Altogether, 'Anonymous' published several dozen documents about the secret British action group's activities in Great Britain and many other countries.

According to the documents, 'Integrity Initiative' aims to sabotage 'pro-Russian' opinions and information, while also starting and encouraging anti-Russian campaigns, in order to isolate Russia politically. They also point to the creation of 'anti-Russian cells' throughout Europe and the rest of the world, with so-called clusters being set up in nine countries in Europe alone (Spain, France, Germany, Greece, the Netherlands, Lithuania, Norway, Serbia and Italy).

The 'Integrity Initiative' programme was launched in 2015 by the Institute of Statecraft (IfS), a charity founded by employees of the British intelligence services. It is funded by the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office, NATO, the US Department of State and the Lithuanian Ministry of National Defence.

1. What does the Commission Vice-President know about the activities of 'Integrity Initiative' in the EU?
2. What connections are there with the EU's East StratCom Task Force in Central and Eastern European countries and Russia itself?
3. What is the High Representative's view of the disinformation network 'Integrity Initiative' in political terms?