

**Question for written answer E-002984/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Checking 'Friday for Future' etc. for hybrid threats

The author of this question has been following with interest the measures being taken by the Commission to avert hybrid threats. With hybrid threats, state or non-state players use a variety of conventional and non-conventional methods in a coordinated manner to achieve a specific political goal. Hybrid activities typically seek to influence decision-making, to weaken societies and undermine unity.

Campaigns (such as 'Friday for Future', Greenpeace actions, civilian rescue vessels in the Mediterranean) are managed professionally and have significant sources of funding. Behind the school strike stands the joint stock company 'We Don't Have Time', which was founded by PR-Manager Ingmar Rentzhog in 2017 with the aim of creating the 'world's largest social network for climate action' and thereby earning as much money as possible.

Such campaigns are currently having a strong impact on politics to the detriment of other goals, such as securing wealth, employment or a secure energy supply, and ultimately contribute to a loss of global competitiveness and the impoverishment of Europe.

- 1) Has the Commission so far investigated such campaigns with regard to hybrid threats? If so, what are its findings?
- 2) If not, when will the Commission do so?
- 3) Without having at its disposal the findings of such an investigation, can the Commission rule out the possibility that these campaigns are being financed and steered by Russia?