

**Question for written answer E-011253/2015  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**

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Subject: VP/HR - Russian propaganda directed towards the EU

The Action Plan on Strategic Communication, presented by the VP/HR in July 2015, and the newly established East StratCom Team deserve to be welcomed as first steps on this important issue.

It is to be noted, however, that Parliament has called on the Commission to:

- prepare a communication strategy to counter the Russian propaganda campaign directed towards the EU (resolution of 15 January 2015 on the situation in Ukraine),
  - respond to deliberately biased information spread in various EU languages (resolution of 10 June 2015 on the state of EU-Russia relations).
1. What concrete measures will the VP/HR take to counter the airing of propaganda and misinformation-based criticism of the European Union in EU languages (for example on the Russia Today network) by EU-based and hugely state-financed Russian media, creating a platform for far-right or far-left politicians or escalating anti-American conspiracy theories, with the aim of undermining EU unity and the authority of European politics, politicians and media?
  2. Does the VP/HR intend to task the East StratCom Team with developing an Action Plan that would be more ambitious and broader in its scope, seeking to establish strategic communication as an integral part of the overall EU policy with cross-Commission financial engagement and political oversight?