

**Question for written answer E-001016/2020  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Commission's efforts against disinformation campaigns

During an interview with Deutsche Welle <sup>1</sup> , in reply to a question regarding the main issues to be addressed during her second term of office, Commissioner Mariya Gabriel said inter alia that: 'We will place a strong emphasis on media literacy, which is key in the fight against disinformation.'

1. For the Commission, does the term 'disinformation' also include critical opinions about the EU or EU policies?
2. How does the Commission distinguish between disinformation and freedom of expression?
3. Does the Commission intend to also refrain from generating disinformation of its own, e.g. by saying that the ECB's low interest rate policy would save citizens money, without mentioning how much income from interest payments citizens are missing out on as a result?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.dw.com/de/eu-kommissarin-gabriel-der-brain-drain-ist-eine-riesige-herausforderung/a-51465059>