

Question for written answer E-003656/2021
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Espionage by foreign powers

In June 2021, the EU asked for clarifications from the United States regarding its espionage activities through Denmark. It has long been known that the US does not hesitate to spy on its own allies, in particular to gain commercial advantage, for example in relation to the sale of defence equipment.

1. Has the Commission carried out a detailed survey of which countries are actively engaged in espionage in the Union and of which sectors are most vulnerable to espionage?
2. Competence for counter-espionage lies with the Member States. To what extent does the Commission coordinate intelligence activities between Member States?