

**Question for written answer E-005290/2021/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Member States stepping up efforts to counter foreign interference and disinformation

Foreign interference and disinformation aims to influence public and personal decision-making processes, undermine trust in democratic processes and institutions, exacerbate political polarisation and spread confusion about geopolitical events. It has the potential to endanger EU security and the lives of people in the EU. Putting the countering of disinformation at the top of EU's agenda is thus a crucial matter that requires intense coordination between the Member States.

1. What are the Commission's explicit recommendations to Member States on how foreign interference and disinformation should be prevented, detected and countered at the national and regional levels?
2. What kind of technical and financial support does the Commission offer Member States to help them to deal with such hybrid threats, including disinformation?
3. How is the Commission planning to mainstream the countering of foreign interference and disinformation in all European democratic processes through its external and internal agenda? What are the next steps envisaged by the Commission at this point?