

Question for written answer E-000997/2022
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: EU ban on Chinese state-owned media outlets

For a long time now, the People's Republic of China and ruling Chinese Communist Party have been spreading propaganda through state-owned media outlets, to whitewash or justify human rights violations in Xinjiang that have been repeatedly condemned by the EU and give cause for EU sanctions, for example¹². In 2020, the US classified a number of Chinese media organisations as 'foreign missions'³.

1. What specific measures will the Commission take to tackle Chinese propaganda and disinformation?
2. When will the Commission call for an EU ban on Chinese state-owned media outlets?
3. What specific measures has the Commission taken so far to tackle Chinese propaganda and disinformation?

¹ <https://www.faz.net/aktuell/politik/ausland/china-versucht-vorgehen-gegen-uiguren-in-xinjiang-zu-erklaeren-16528192.html>

² <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2021/03/22/eu-imposes-further-sanctions-over-serious-violations-of-human-rights-around-the-world/>

³ <https://www.spiegel.de/ausland/usa-wollen-chinas-staatsmedien-staerker-kontrollieren-darunter-xinhua-und-china-daily-a-63ff0193-8023-4b2b-b64d-a4a38a939f10>