

**Question for written answer E-002597/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Monitoring of democratic parties

The European democracy action plan, an important pillar of the Commission's agenda, aims to ensure that in 'a healthy and thriving democracy [...] citizens can freely express their views'. The Commission further adds that 'citizens should be able to make electoral choices in a public space where different views can be expressed freely'.

1. Does the Commission believe that the monitoring of an approved democratic party by intelligence services is helping these objectives to be met?
2. What does it make of the fact that citizens face sanctions if they share certain views or announce they are a member of the party under observation by the German intelligence agency?