

**Question for written answer E-001958/2023**

**to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy**

Rule 138

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Subject: International debate surrounding those responsible for destroying the Nord Stream gas pipelines

The criminal destruction of the Nord Stream gas pipelines has had serious implications for the EU's citizens and economy.

Reports in the Belgian press claim that the American intelligence services (the CIA) informed the Belgian intelligence services at the end of September 2022 that Ukraine – which has received full solidarity and support from the European Union against the Russian invasion of its territory – was involved in sabotaging this piece of infrastructure that is essential to Europe<sup>1</sup>.

The European and American press report that the Dutch intelligence services had already warned the CIA of plans for a Ukrainian army attack on Nord Stream<sup>2</sup>, and the CIA then cautioned Ukraine against it<sup>3</sup>.

These are serious accusations and insinuations regarding the Ukrainian Government by Member States and allied third countries.

1. Was the Vice-President/High Representative given this crucial information by one of his counterparts (from a Member State or the United States)?
2. Can he say whether the Commission has more information on what has been published in the press?
3. Has he discussed these accusations with the Ukrainian Government?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.tijd.be/politiek-economie/belgie/algemeen/cia-meldde-belgie-dat-oekraïne-wellicht-nord-stream-saboteerde/10473737.html>.

<sup>2</sup> <https://edition.cnn.com/2023/06/13/europe/nordstream-plot-dutch-cia-ukraine-russia-intl/index.html>.

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/06/13/us/politics/nord-stream-pipeline-ukraine-cia.html>.