

**Question for written answer E-003607/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Spying for Russia in Belgium – possible expulsion of Kirill Logvinov

Owing to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, 19 diplomats from the Russian mission to the EU were declared *personae non gratae* and expelled from Belgium. At the same time, many EU countries expelled hundreds of Russian diplomats, many of whom were suspected of being Russian intelligence agents. However, the Commission and the European External Action Service (EEAS) preferred a softer approach.

The Belgian State Security Service has identified some Russian diplomats as spies who are still carrying out missions in Belgium. One of those suspected of spying for Russia is Kirill Logvinov, a chief diplomat at Russia's permanent mission to the EU. He continues to engage with Brussels-based diplomats and spread anti-Ukrainian and anti-Western propaganda. The Belgian authorities are not authorised to decide whether to expel Logvinov: only the Commission and the EEAS can make this decision.

1. Is the Commission planning to take active measures to cease the malign interference currently conducted by Kirill Logvinov?
2. If so, what specific measures is the Commission planning to take?

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