

**Question for written answer E-000378/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Support to EU regions and municipalities against foreign interference in the EU elections

According to an article by Global News¹, in a briefing to the Minister of Democratic Institutions on Foreign Interference the Canadian Security Intelligence Service confirmed foreign interference by the Peoples Republic of China in the 2019 and 2021 federal elections in Canada. It also emphasised that the interference took place on all levels of government and civil society. Furthermore, the article states that the briefing recommended that interference should be countered on all levels of government, including provincial and municipal governments.

1. What kind of information does the Commission have about similar foreign interference in the EU?
2. What kinds of measures are in place or planned to prevent and recognise interference activities?
3. What kind of support does or will the Commission provide to the regions and municipalities in the EU to increase their expertise on and protect themselves against foreign interference, specifically as regards to the upcoming European Parliament elections?

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¹ <https://globalnews.ca/news/10264872/canada-china-foreign-interference-elections-csis-report/#:~:text=Canada%20knows%20China%20tried%20to,more%E2%80%9D%20to%20fight%20foreign%20interference.>