

**Question for written answer E-001036/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Limiting public disclosure of sensitive information relating to European subsea/maritime infrastructure

It has been reported that Russia has a concerted programme to surveil and sabotage wind farms and communication cables in the North Sea and elsewhere. It is already mapping key sites for possible sabotage that would severely hamper communications and energy security.

The Commission is supposed to conduct a mapping exercise of European subsea and maritime infrastructure. However, detailed information about this infrastructure and its potential vulnerabilities is already publicly available and can be exploited by our adversaries¹.

1. Can websites that publicly disclose sensitive information about our subsea critical infrastructure be taken offline, or could access to them at least be restricted to legitimate access seekers, in order to limit abuse by our adversaries?
2. If such actions are not possible, or in any case, is the Commission intending to run an awareness-raising campaign as part of its maritime security action plan, in order to encourage third parties to not publicly disclose such sensitive information or to limit its distribution?

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¹ e.g. <https://www.4coffshore.com/offshorewind/>.