

**Priority question for written answer P-001379/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Sanctioning the funding of political parties by the Russian Federation

Following the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation, the EU adopted sanctions against supporters of Putin. In its resolution of 9 March 2022 on foreign interference in all democratic processes in the European Union, including disinformation, Parliament ‘condemns the fact that extremist, populist, anti-European parties and certain other parties and individuals have connections with and are explicitly complicit in attempts to interfere in the Union’s democratic processes’ and says it is ‘alarmed that these parties are used as the voice of foreign interference actors to legitimise their authoritarian governments’. Parliament also calls on the Commission ‘to conduct an analysis of covert funding in the EU and submit concrete proposals aimed at closing all loopholes allowing for the opaque financing of political parties and foundations or elected officials from third-country sources’. Documents and digital correspondence obtained by New/Lines Magazine and published on 24 March 2022 show how closely European far-right politicians work with Moscow.

I would therefore like to ask the Commission to answer the following questions:

1. Has it started work on the analysis of covert funding from non-EU sources of certain political parties in the EU?
2. Will it propose measures against political parties funded by the Russian Federation?

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