

**Priority question for written answer P-000419/2024  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Grave accusations made by Commission Vice-President Schinas

On Tuesday 6 February 2024, at Parliament's plenary session in Strasbourg, Commission Vice-President Margaritis Schinas said that there were 'reports on close and regular contacts, including organised visits, between Russian officials and representatives of a group of Catalan secessionists, in Spain, between 2017 and 2020'<sup>1</sup>. In December 2021, the European External Action Service responded to Written Question E-004166/2021<sup>2</sup>, saying that the EU Intelligence and Situation Centre (INTCEN) was 'not the author of the intelligence report mentioned in the New York Times article' and that the 'EU INTCEN does not know who authored the report in question'<sup>3</sup>. The allegations of this Russian connection with Catalonia have been brought up for political reasons by some Spanish Members of the European Parliament. Vice-President Schinas has very close relations with the Spanish People's Party<sup>4</sup>.

1. Did the EU INTCEN write one or several of the reports mentioned by Vice-President Schinas?
2. If not, what are Vice-President Schinas's sources?

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<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/plenary/en/vod.html?mode=unit&vodLanguage=EN&internalEPIId=1707236912593&providerMeetingId=b6a30b60-e37e-4562-ddb4-08dc23019672>.

2 [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2021-004166\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2021-004166_EN.html).

3 [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2021-004166-ASW\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2021-004166-ASW_EN.html).

4 <https://www.politico.eu/article/brussels-is-for-lovers-power-couples-eu-political-scene-romance/>.