Priority question for written answer P-000391/2025 to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

Rule 144

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Subject: German version of Russia Today back on X despite EU sanctions

On 23 January 2025, EUvsDisinfo, a project of the European External Action Service's East StratCom Task Force, published a news item about Russian interference in the German elections, claiming that the German version of Russia Today (RT DE) is back on the social media platform X¹. Russia Today is subject to EU and international sanctions, which means that the EU has suspended all broadcasting of it (including the German and other European language versions) in the EU or directed at the EU².

- 1. Is RT (DE) accessible on X to users in the EU, or to users outside the EU but still directed at the EU, thus constituting a violation of EU sanctions?
- 2. What measures can and will the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy take to respond to this violation and to bring it to a halt, and to what extent can she urge our international partners to take similar action?
- 3. What consequences will X face for violating EU and international sanctions by allowing RT DE back on its platform?

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https://euvsdisinfo.eu/another-election-another-kremlin-interference-attempt/.

https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/03/02/eu-imposes-sanctions-on-state-owned-outlets-rtrussia-today-and-sputnik-s-broadcasting-in-the-eu/.