

**Question for written answer E-014574/2015**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - Special East StratCom Team

The European External Action Service has established its special East StratCom Team, whose aim is to counter Russian propaganda in the European Union. According to my information, this team began its work some weeks ago: it would be interesting to have more information regarding its strategic activities, which will reportedly be carried out by ten people.

1. On what type of propaganda will the team focus, particularly given its limited human resources?
2. Will the Union try, by means of this team, to counter Russian propaganda first and foremost in the Russian-language media in the six Member States of the Eastern Partnership, or will it focus on the activities of Russian media outlets – such as Russia Today and Sputnik – within EU Member States?
3. Will it be possible for MEPs to receive information detailing the activities of this group and, if so, to have information detailing some of the specific actions it has taken to counteract this misleading propaganda?