

**Question for written answer E-001319/2022  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** In recent years, Putin's secret service has had full access to the Hungarian Foreign Ministry's computers, but Orbán's administration does not want to repel the attack

On 29 March 2022, the Direkt36 investigative journalism portal wrote that hackers working for the Russian security services had completely compromised the Hungarian Foreign Ministry's computer network, including its encrypted elements. In addition to the Ministry building in Budapest, 150 objects at over 90 Hungarian foreign representations, and all of the computers in them, have been affected. As a result, the entire workings of Hungarian diplomacy have become an open book for Moscow. Enemy intelligence activity has continued unabated during the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

According to public opinion, the Russian security services are conducting operations against the EU and NATO on a large scale from their base in Budapest. Despite this, the Orbán government is cultivating extremely good relations with the Putin regime, even to a point where it is diametrically opposed to the common view of the EU. At the same time, it is not giving any indication that it might protest against Moscow's enemy espionage activities.

In the light of the above, we would ask the following:

1. Has the Commission been given any indication by the Hungarian Government that the Russian security services have hacked into the Hungarian Foreign Ministry's security systems and accessed the classified information stored in them?
2. Has the Commission been given any warning by the Hungarian Government concerning the kind of confidential information on the EU's common external, security and defence policies that the Russians obtained during their cyber-attack?
3. What does the Commission intend to do to stop this threat to the Union?