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## **Greens/EFA call for investigation into and consequences for Russian interference**

Today, at the initiative of the Greens/EFA Group, Members of the European Parliament will debate the revelations about alleged Russian payments to, among others, German AfD MP Petr Bystron.

**Terry Reintke**, Co-President of the Greens/EFA Group, comments:

*“The suspected cases must be a wake-up call for all true democrats. These serious allegations must be clarified and there must be consequences. If the allegations are confirmed, this would be further proof of how right-wing extremists are becoming the mouthpiece of Russian disinformation campaigns and pro-Kremlin propaganda.*

*“We call on the Commission to investigate to what extent platforms such as X have failed to fulfil their obligations under the Digital Services Act, as well as to what extent their algorithms pose a risk to elections, for example through the spread of disinformation. The Commission must not shy away from tough sanctions against Elon Musk and Co.*

*“If the allegations prove to be true, the AfD will reveal itself to be a haven for propaganda puppets on the Russian president’s payroll. Anyone who allows themselves to be bought by the Russian president or other despots must bear the political and legal consequences.”*

**The plenary debate can be followed live [here](#), with a speech by Terry Reintke**

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