Responsibility Meter Report

EU sanctions Russian information-manipulation actors

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Event harm: 63.4 · Confidence: 87.0

Summary

The Council of the European Union added four individuals to its sanctions list over what it described as Russian hybrid activities, particularly foreign information manipulation and interference directed at the EU, its member states, and partners. The listings targeted propagandists and media figures the EU said were supporting Russian destabilization and disinformation.

Top actors

1. Council of the European Union foreign ministers | culpability 44.9 | confidence 93.0
2. EU hybrid-threats sanctions apparatus | culpability 35.0 | confidence 81.0

Formulas

eventHarm = (20*severity + 12*scale + 15*irreversibility + 12*targetVulnerability + 15*rightsInvasion + 16*intentionality + 10*duration) / 5

actorResponsibility = (15*authorship + 18*decisionPower + 10*interpretivePower + 12*executionControl + 10*knowledge + 8*foreseeability + 8*discretion + 6*benefit + 8*concealment + 5*repeatSystemRole) / 5

confidence = (25*sourceQuality + 20*evidenceCompleteness + 20*roleCertainty + 20*attributionCertainty + 15*recencyStability) / 5

culpability = actorResponsibility * eventHarm / 100

Sources

• Council of the European Union: Council press release on sanctions for Russian information-manipulation activity