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COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2026/2164
of 24 September 2026
amending Decision (CFSP) 2024/2643 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's
destabilising activities

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 29 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

- (1) On 8 October 2024, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2024/2643 ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) In its conclusions of 18 and 19 June 2026, the European Council condemned all recent hybrid attacks against the Union and its Member States. In light of the persistent hybrid campaigns by hostile actors, notably Russia and Belarus, the European Council called for increased and urgent efforts to strengthen resilience, enhance preparedness, protect critical infrastructure, and prevent, deter and respond to hybrid attacks.
- (3) The Union remains unwavering in its condemnation of Russia's malicious activities directed against the Union, its Member States, international organisations and third countries.
- (4) In view of the gravity of the situation, the Council considers that one natural person should be added to the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies set out in Annex I to Decision (CFSP) 2024/2643.
- (5) Decision (CFSP) 2024/2643 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex I to Decision (CFSP) 2024/2643 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 24 September 2026.

For the Council

The President

P. BURKE

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2024/2643 of 8 October 2024 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's destabilising activities (OJ L, 2024/2643, 9.10.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2024/2643/oj>).

In Annex I to Decision (CFSP) 2024/2643, the following entry is added under the heading 'A. Natural persons':

	Name	Identifying information	Statement of reasons	Date of listing
'81.	Xenia Vladimirovna FEDOROVA (Russian: Ксения Владимировна ФЕДОРОВА)	Function: Former President and Director of Information of Russia Today France (between 2017 and 2022), writer, journalist and columnist DOB: 26.12.1980 Nationality: Russian Gender: female X account: https://x.com/xfedorova Instagram account: https://www.instagram.com/xfedorova	Xenia Fedorova is a Russian media figure and former senior executive of Russia Today (RT) France who is active in the dissemination of pro-Russian narratives in France and the Union in the context of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. Xenia Fedorova joined RT in 2005 and subsequently held senior positions within the RT media network. She headed Ruptly, RT's Berlin-based video agency, from 2015 to 2017, before becoming President and Director of Information of RT France in 2017. In that capacity, Xenia Fedorova participated in the implementation and dissemination of RT France's editorial line, including narratives aligned with those promoted by the Russian authorities. Following the suspension of RT's broadcasting activities in the Union, Xenia Fedorova continued to disseminate in French media narratives aligned with those promoted by the Russian authorities concerning Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, European support for Ukraine, NATO and relations between Russia and the Union. In particular, Xenia Fedorova has portrayed Western and European support for Ukraine as prolonging the war, presented Russia as seeking peace while portraying Europe as pursuing confrontation, questioned established accounts concerning the unlawful transfer and deportation of Ukrainian children, and disseminated narratives portraying European and NATO policies as threats to European security.	24.9.2026'

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			Since 2025, Xenia Fedorova has regularly contributed to several French media outlets, including CNews, Europe 1 and Le JDNews, through which she has continued to disseminate such narratives to a broad French audience. Xenia Fedorova has been publicly identified by the French authorities as relaying Kremlin disinformation. In July 2026, the French authorities also adopted an expulsion measure against her. Therefore, Xenia Fedorova is supporting, involved in and facilitating actions and policies attributable to the Government of the Russian Federation which undermine or threaten democracy and stability in the Union and in one of its Member States and in a third country by engaging in and supporting the use of information manipulation and interference.	