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**SECRET EU FILES AT RISK OF AfD LEAKS TO KREMLIN, DIPLOMATS WARN**

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*Lawmakers fear Germany's far right could be abusing its ability to view a database of thousands of internal EU documents.*

Access to confidential EU documents by the Russia-friendly Alternative for Germany party is raising concerns that sensitive deliberations are being exposed to Moscow, three EU diplomats and four German lawmakers have said.

German MPs – including from the far-right AfD – have gained access to a databank containing thousands of EU files. Those include confidential notes from meetings of ambassadors where the bloc's diplomats hash out their countries' positions on geopolitical issues such as plans to fund Ukraine using frozen Russian assets.

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