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Estonian Authorities Turn Down Three Requests for Accreditation from Rossiya Segodnya to Cover EU meeting

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The Estonian Presidency of the Council of the European Union refused three requests for accreditation from Russian state owned news agency Rossiya Segodnya to cover the informal meeting of the EU ministers of Foreign Affairs in Tallinn (Estonia) to take place on 7-8 September 2017. The requests were filed by the Brussels based correspondent Vladimir Dobrovolskiy, and by Moscow based journalists Maria Kiseleva and Anastasia Sedelnikova. No explanations were provided by the Estonian authorities for their refusal. Sergey Kochetkov, first deputy editor-in-Chief of Rossiya Segodnya, said that this is the first time that the news agency face such restrictions in covering high level EU events .

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