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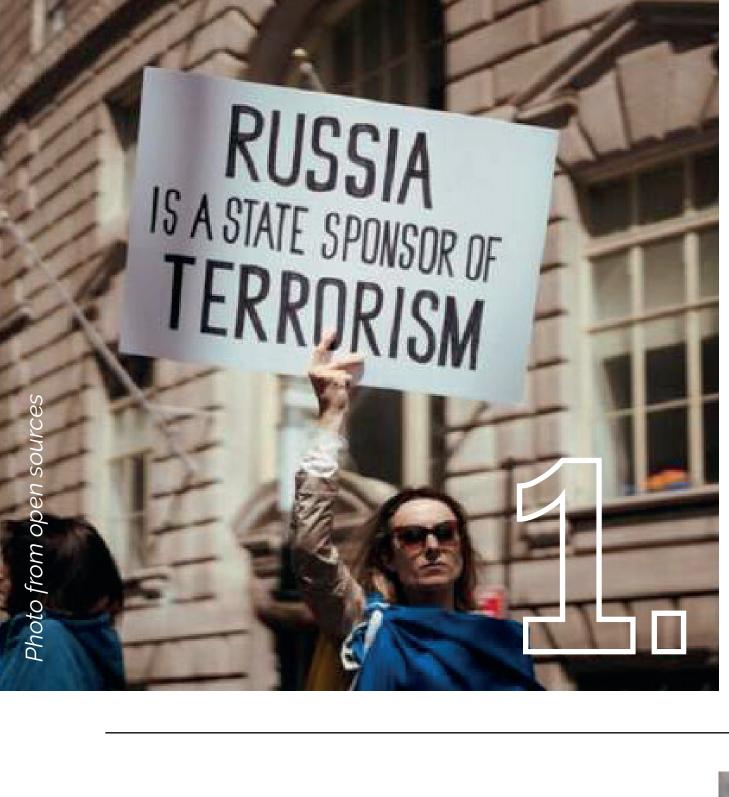


many breakthroughs, with landmark decisions taken to provide Ukraine with security support, and macro-financial assistance, and develop political, economic, and cultural cooperation between the European Union and Ukraine. In times of war, the EU stands firmly side by side with Ukraine, and together they work for the future. TOP FIVE

November and December 2022 were rich in many dramatic military events and

The EU decisions adopted in late autumn made November's and December's TOP FIVE topics. Some of them are of historical importance, others are routine,

but all will have a sustainable positive impact on the situation in Ukraine and, at the same time, focus on building and development.



The European Parliament acknowledged that Russia has conducted "indiscriminate attacks against residential areas and civilian infrastructure" in Ukraine, resulting in thousands of deaths. The aggressors have committed "summary

The European Parliament

sponsor of terrorism

recognized Russia as a state

executions, abductions, sexual violence, torture and other atrocities" in occupied territories. On May 19, 2022, the European Parliament supported the establishment of a special international tribunal to investigate the war crimes of Russia and its allies against Ukraine. The

establishment of such a body was also supported in PACE. The tribunal aims to bring to justice Russia's President Vladimir Putin and his inner circle. **Read more**

is to enhance the military capability of Ukraine's Armed Forces to defend the territorial integrity

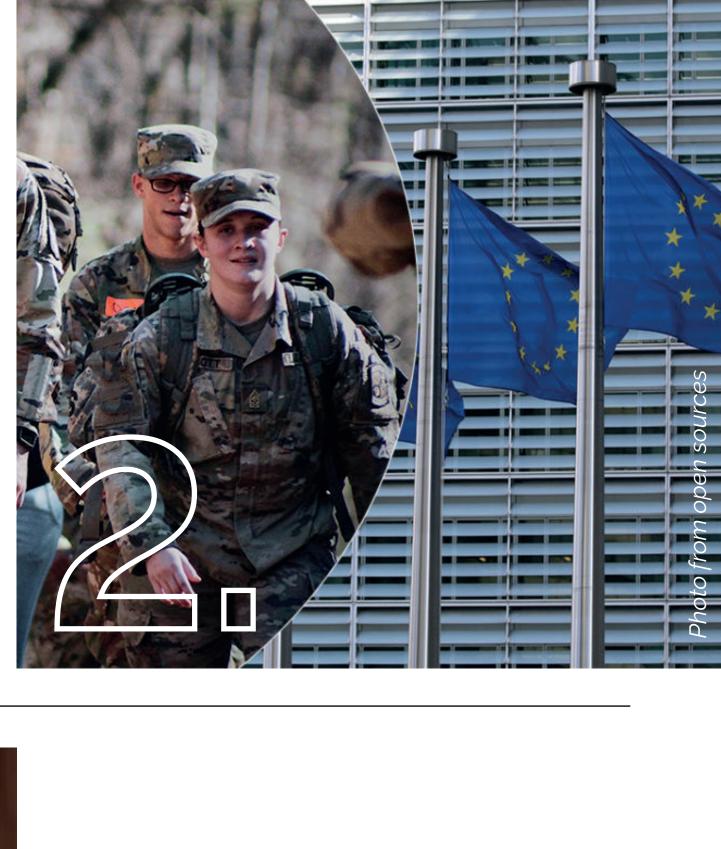
Strengthen to protect

Assistance Mission in support of Ukraine

and sovereignty of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders, as well as to protect civilians in the war unleashed by Russia. **Read more**

The Council of the EU launched the EU Military

(EUMAM Ukraine) on October 17, 2022. Its mission





list of EU crimes included in the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. This is the first step to ensure that sanctions are equally applied throughout the EU and prevent attempts to circumvent or violate them.

Violating EU sanctions

of EU crimes

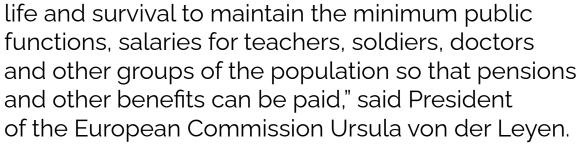
against Russia is on the list

The Council of the EU has unanimously decided

for its military aggression against Ukraine to the

to add the violation of sanctions imposed on Russia

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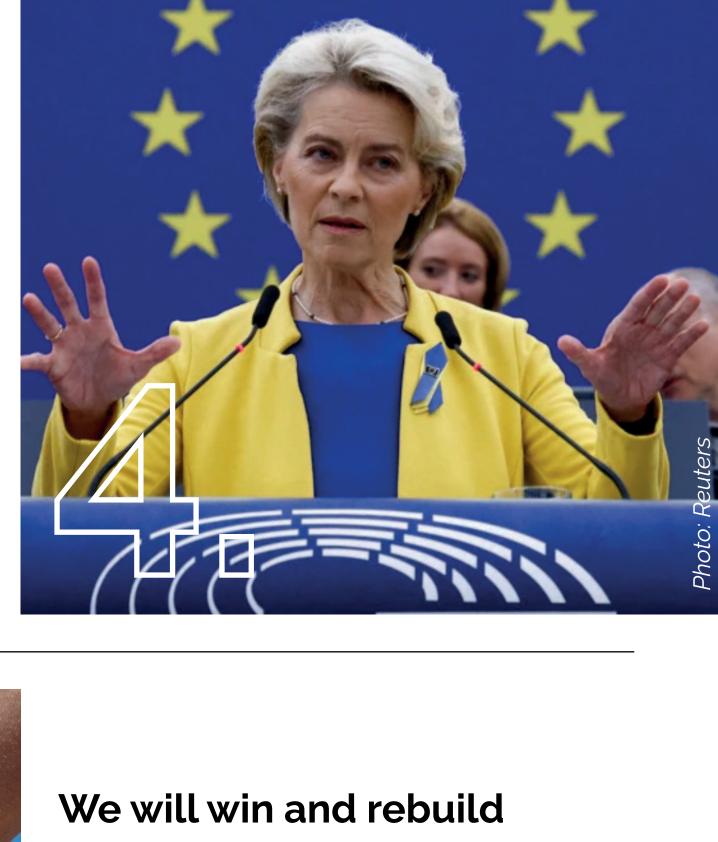


"Ukraine needs emergency assistance, rapid

rehabilitation, recovery, support for everyday

of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen. To give this assistance, the European Commission plans to establish a new instrument for Ukraine,

which will provide highly concessional loans to cover urgent needs, restore critical infrastructure, and ensure initial support for post-war reconstruction. **Read more**





SECURITY & PROTECTION

strengthening the cyber

EU contributes to

defense of Ukraine

recovery efforts to put communities back on the path toward the development and achievement of Sustainable Development Goals.

The European Union is working with international

resources needed to protect and rebuild Ukraine.

(UNDP) and the European Union have announced

Programme for Ukraine. The key focus is on early

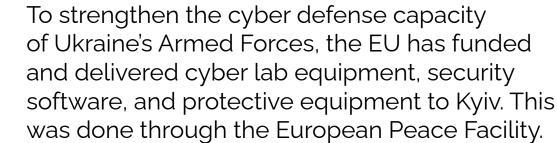
The United Nations Development Programme

an additional €35 million (\$34.4 million) for

the UNDP Resilience Building and Recovery

organizations to consolidate the forces and

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The Ukrainian system is being updated together with the European one - the EU Council decided on a large-scale modernization of the EU cyber defense system in November. In particular, it will

Emergency Response Team and improve

the efficiency of information exchange

on computer incidents, etc.

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expand the mandate and funding of the Computer





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mechanism to seize these assets in favor of Ukraine. **Read more**

the costs of rebuilding the country. "And we have the

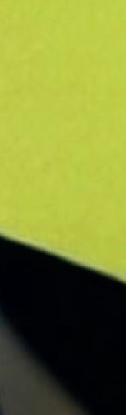
means to make Russia pay," stressed President of the

Russian oligarchs' money so far and plans to develop a

European Commission Ursula von der Leyen.

The EU has blocked €300 billion of the Russian

Central Bank reserves and frozen €19 billion of



EBRD and EU to provide loans for the modernization of SMEs

The EBRD and the EU are providing a €25 million

small and medium-sized enterprises in Ukraine.

Borrowers who successfully implement eligible

production processes as cashback of up to 15%

of the loan amount and will benefit from technical

and advisory assistance funded by the EU under

grants to purchase equipment and upgrade

loan to state-owned Ukrgazbank to support micro,

investment projects will be able to receive incentive









For the first time in Khmelnytskyi Oblast: a vocational school got a new bus thanks to cooperation with the EU

Thanks to the international EU-funded Programme

Yarmolynets Agro-Industrial Centre for Vocational

EU4Skills: Better Skills for Modern Ukraine, the

power outages, etc., but the state and our partners are taking efforts to ensure that young Ukrainians receive quality education and stay safe.



culture took place in Mykolaiv With the support of the EU Delegation to Ukraine,

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the CREA Centre in Mykolaiv hosted a discussion on ways to develop Ukrainian culture and identity. It would seem that war is not the best time for such a topic, but Ukrainian culture, language, and identity

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have also become a weapon and an object of "strategic spiritual infrastructure". In these difficult times for the creative community, a new layer of Ukrainian culture is being formed, and it is no coincidence that the EU finds an

opportunity to support artists.

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LAW & ORDER

procedure: unified

harmonization with

EU legislation

transparent rules and

Law on the administrative

The law on administrative procedure will enter

into force in 2023, so experts are discussing its

implementation and functioning mechanisms.

the real effectiveness of new laws, especially in

times of war, is a sign of a democratic state and

another step that brings Ukraine closer to the EU.

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The entry into force and - most importantly -



