



EU SOLIDARITY WITH UKRAINE

Meeting between the College of Commissioners and the Ukrainian government

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The EU stands united in solidarity with Ukraine in the face of Russia's brutal war of aggression. Together, the EU and its Member States continue to support Ukraine for as long as it takes – politically and with financial, humanitarian and military assistance.

So far, up to around **€50 billion** for Ukraine have been made available since the start of Russia's invasion. In addition to this, the Commission is working towards a **€1 billion** contribution to fast recovery.

The European Commission's College of Commissioners led by President von der Leyen met with President Zelenskyy and the Ukrainian government to take stock of EU ongoing support to Ukraine in different areas, including financial, humanitarian, budget support and military assistance, as well as of the progress and next steps of cooperation and reform efforts by Ukraine to advance on its EU path.

The **Multi-agency Donor Coordination Platform** was launched in January 2023 to coordinate short and longer term support by international donors and financial institutions in support of the Ukrainian economy. A technical Secretariat will support the work of the Platform; the Commission will host its Brussels office, and the government of Ukraine will host its Kyiv office.

FURTHER SUPPORT FOR 2023

In addition to the up to **€18 billion** of macro-financial assistance, of which **€3 billion** were disbursed on 17 January, the EU announced further support of package of **€450 million for 2023, including:**

€305 million

in bilateral support to increase Ukraine's resilience and support reforms

€145 million

in humanitarian assistance

EMERGENCY ENERGY SUPPORT

The EU is providing vital support to Ukraine to face the particular difficulties in the energy sector, following the continuous and targeted Russian strikes on vital infrastructure:



EU is providing **2.400 additional generators, on top of the 3.000 already delivered** since the beginning of the war.



€157.5 million from Energy Support Fund established by the Energy Community.



35 million LED light bulbs purchased by the EU, which have started to be delivered to Ukrainians to help them reduce energy consumption.



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ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND ACCESS TO THE SINGLE MARKET

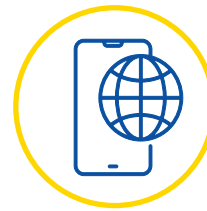
The Commission continues to assist Ukraine in reaping the full potential offered by the Association Agreement, including its Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement:



Proposal to extend the **suspension of import duties** on Ukrainian exports beyond June 2023



A Priority Action Plan for 2023-2024 - a roadmap for enhancing Ukraine's access to the Single Market



Roaming: Extension by six months of the voluntary measures by EU and Ukrainian operators for affordable or free calls between the EU and Ukraine and accelerating work on a permanent roaming arrangement once Ukraine ensures alignment with the EU acquis in this area.

The Commission and Ukraine concluded a **Strategic Partnership on Biomethane, Hydrogen and Other Synthetic Gases**. It reaffirms both sides' commitment to reduce dependency on fossil fuels and work towards climate neutrality.

SUPPORT TO REFORMS AND CLOSER ALIGNMENT TO THE EU

Discussions also focused on progress on reform priorities, as well as EU support to help Ukraine further align its legislation to the EU acquis following the Commission's Opinion on Ukraine's EU membership application and its analytical report on the EU acquis alignment, complementing the Opinion.

The Commission will present its comprehensive evaluation on the progress made by Ukraine to address the reform priorities identified in the Opinion, as well as to further align with the EU acquis as part of the Enlargement package, expected in Autumn 2023.

Ukraine will join other key EU funding programmes which will help Ukraine further benefit from cooperation with EU and align its acquis on key areas:



Single Market Programme (SMP)



Connecting Europe Facility

In 2022, Ukraine already joined **Digital Europe**, **Fiscalis**, **Customs**, **EU4Health** and **LIFE** programmes.

A new **'Phoenix'** initiative will boost the **New European Bauhaus** work on supporting Ukraine in rebuilding its cities in a sustainable and inclusive way. It will immediately mobilise at least **€7 million**, notably for developing and sharing leading-edge reconstruction expertise for Ukrainian cities.



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ENHANCED COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF RESEARCH

Ukraine's association to **Horizon Europe** and the **Euratom Research and Training Programme** is a key instrument to preserve and nurture Ukraine's research and innovation ecosystem.

The Commission will also open **Horizon Europe office** in Kyiv. It will promote EU funding opportunities, offer technical support to Ukrainian researchers and innovators, and strengthen networks between Ukrainian and European institutions.



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