EU-Ukraine: responding to challenges together

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Our latest issue of the Media Digest features publications about key events of February that reflect the conditions and prospects of relations between the European Union and Ukraine.

TOP 3

The top 3 news items of the month were devoted to a special event – the EU-Ukraine Summit on February 3, 2023. This was the first gathering of such scale since the beginning of the war and the very first encounter where Ukraine was present as a candidate state.

There was another event that took place for the first time. On the eve of the Summit, the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, visited Kyiv in the company of 15 EU commissioners for a meeting of the College and the Government of Ukraine.

The very fact of holding such a high-level meeting in Ukraine in a state of war underscores the EU's unwavering commitment to Ukraine's European aspirations and its unique mutual security of the forum. Its planned and meaningful work. The key issues discussed during the Summit were related to the future and the changes that are taking place and must take place in order to achieve the pivotal goals: Victory in the war and Ukraine's accession to the European Union. *The fact that we are meeting in Kyiv today is a strong sign of the huge progress already made and of our mutual commitment.* said President von der Leyen.

EU-Ukraine Summit – key takeaways and the Joint Statement

For the first time in history, Ukraine took part in the summit as a candidate for joining the EU.

In her remarks, the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, underscored that *"not only one year ago, no one could have imagined how fast Ukraine could move towards the European Union. Ukraine's European perspective has never been less changed and as President von der Leyen noted, "Today, we have come to the heart of Europe to underscore our unwavering support for your continued. The place where our values are upheld, where our freedom is defended, where the future of our children is secured."*

The EU high-ranking officials brought a clear message to Kyiv – Ukraine will be a member of the European Union, but it still needs to make its way.

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EU and Ukraine share common destiny...

This Summit has made two things absolutely clear: that this is a moment for you and for the people of Ukraine. The European Union will support you for as long as it takes. We will not let you down. We can not intimidated and will not be intimidated by the Kremlin. Because Ukraine and the EU are one family. Ukraine's future is in the EU. Because Ukraine is within the European Union. Ukrainian people, you have made a clear choice for freedom. Freedom is your right. It is your duty. It is your. We are made a clear decision your future is with us. In our common European Union your destiny is our destiny. said President of the European Council, Charles Michel, at the press conference after the EU-Ukraine Summit in Kyiv.

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Josep Borrell on how to enable Ukraine's Victory

The goal is for Ukraine to prevail against its aggressor. We are supporting Ukraine in achieving victory. Ukraine the means to achieve it. The alternative is a prolonged war of attrition, leading to a frozen conflict. Ukraine's future is in Europe, and continued suffering around the world said the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Josep Borrell, regarding the conditions for Ukraine's victory and the role of the EU and partners in making this victory happen.

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ALGORITHM OF UKRAINE'S ACCESSION TO EU

From liberation of Crimea to the EU path – assessing the EU-Ukraine Summit decisions

The key takeaway of the Summit is a Joint Statement that sets the EU-Ukraine relations on a new level. However, this is a document written in a diplomatic language. In order to explain its substance, we publish a comprehensive analysis of the Joint Statement and explanations of what individual details mean in the joint documents are marked in dark green.

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The time for drafts is over...

On February 3, a day before the landmark EU-Ukraine Summit in Kyiv, the European Commission presented a package of documents that towards the start of Ukraine's accession negotiations to the European Union. The resolution of the European Parliament, which was put to vote, is of added appeal. Such a decision of opinion is inspiring, but it should make Ukraine think more about what it can do to speed up the process. Indeed, they will reach the desired outcome for Ukraine to join the EU, since it depends only on the country's efforts and its will. The EU institutions will do their provide all the necessary support, but the time for drafts is over and Ukraine must successfully cross this stem.

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EU audited Ukraine's reforms

On February 2, Ursula von der Leyen presented the Commission Analytical Report on Ukraine's application to join the EU. The document is a crucial supplement to the opinion of the European Commission regarding Ukraine's application to join the EU, which was published in early February, for the same reason, and the European Union, on the other hand, regarding Ukraine's participation in the Pan-European Union Guarantees for Ukraine 2021-2027.

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УКРАЇНА - КАНДИДАТ НА ВСТУП ДО ЄС

ЕКОНОМІКА ТА ЗАКОНОДАВСТВО

Обширний стан набуття членства в ЄС

Єдиний внутрішній ринок, конкурентоспроможність та інклюзивне зростання, галузеві політики, людський капітал, сільське та рибне господарство, згуртованість та ресурси, добре врядування, правосуддя та основні права, свобода, безпека та розвиток

Доступ до внутрішнього ринку ЄС

Фінансові послуги, цифрові послуги, транспорт, енергетика, інформаційне суспільство та ЗМІ, оборонні закупівлі, наука та дослідження, освіта та культура

Нормотворчі спроможності

Адміністративна спроможність, боротьба з корупцією, організована злочинність, свобода, безпека та основні права, зовнішні відносини, зовнішня політика, політика безпеки та оборони, фінансовий контроль

Політичні спроможності

Демократія та верховенство права, державне управління, регіональна політика та боротьба з шахрайством, економічні критерії, сусідські відносини, виконання рішень Європейського суду з прав людини

ЕВА

EU aid to Ukraine's military and security

"Ukraine's future is at stake" – the country receives modern weapons and military support

The EU will continue to provide military support to Ukraine through the European Peace Facility and is also ready to provide additional €45 million for non-lethal military aid, EU High Representative Josep Borrell said.

In a nutshell, at the turn of 2022-2023, a pivotal moment has come in the approaches of our Western partners to military support for Ukraine. The EU has allocated €1 billion for the only heavy armored vehicles transferred to Ukraine had exclusively been the Soviet-era BMP-1 and T-72 and their modernized versions. The Ukrainian armed forces have long said even in the latest military assistance package anymore. Ukraine is switching to NATO weapons. Both the EU and its member states have supply pass have undergone significant changes.

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Ukraine signed the Single Market Agreement with the EU

In January, the President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, signed an order On the accession of Ukraine to negotiate with the European Union on the conditions of Ukraine's accession. This is the one hand, and the European Union, on the other hand, regarding Ukraine's participation in the Pan-European Union Guarantees for Ukraine 2021-2027.

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The new package of EU sanctions will cost Russia over EUR 10 billion

As the European Commission President's Ursula von der Leyen said, the new package of sanctions, the Special Meeting of the European Council in early February, the 10th package of sanctions will cost the aggressor country over EUR 10 billion.

On February 25, the package was approved and entered into force. Restrictive measures are introduced in particular for goods that are aimed at strengthening the military and technological base of the aggressor. The imposed sanctions target 121 individuals and legal entities, including three organizations and 87 individuals responsible for the deportation of at least 6,000 Ukrainian children as well as propagandist Russian media.

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EUR 1 billion for fast recovery of schools, hospitals and roads destroyed by the Russian aggression

The first instalment under fast recovery will be channelled by the European Commission to recover vital public infrastructure. This was announced by the President of the European Commission, *Ursula von der Leyen in Kyiv. Reconstruction is just as important that we immediately start with the first tranche of the fast recovery. Today, the Commission is proposing to release the first tranche of EUR 1 billion for fast recovery will be channelled through the Ukraine Facility Plan and the European Commission go and starting, for the work can start immediately to make sure that the recovery can start immediately and not on the ground.* said the Commission President.

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EU SUPPORTS UKRAINE

ECONOMY AND FINANCE

Ukrainians exchanged more than 5,000,000 light bulbs over two weeks

More than 5 million Ukrainian have already joined the Government's Lamp Exchange Programme supported by the EU. The Ukrainian Government and partners were asked for exchange through the Dia App.

The European Union provided 35 million light bulbs for exchange. Please added another 5 million, and in total – 50 million archaic bulbs will be replaced with energy-efficient light bulbs. The initiative is a component of the EU support for Ukraine's energy front and countering the devastating Russian aggression.

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Energy hub to support Ukraine – together we will pass this winter

The reviDU energy hub has begun its operations in Ukraine. It is a platform for coordinating aid for delivering emergency energy assistance to Ukraine. Generators, transformers, other energy equipment, and other critical infrastructure items. The hub's constitutes a powerful support package for Ukraine's energy sector, which the EU has been providing since the start of Russian war. It focuses on the heating and power supply infrastructure of Ukrainian cities, towns and villages. Countries and companies can contribute to the hub to support the Ukrainian energy front. Through reviDU this assistance will be delivered to Ukraine even faster.

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The Energy Community launched the Energy Market Observatory in Ukraine

The newly established Energy Market Observatory in Ukraine will provide regular updates on governance developments in Ukraine to aftermarkets position and disseminate data among the energy community and beyond. The Observatory will ensure compliance with confidentiality requirements.

This will contribute to the further integration of the Ukrainian energy market with the EU, facilitating on trust in predictable and transparent industry development according to the European standards, rules and practices.

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The EU will send more generators and LED bulbs to Ukraine

As the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, stated during a joint press conference with the President of Ukraine, *Volodymyr Zelenskyy, the European Union will send thousands of thousands of thousands of generators and LED bulbs.*

President von der Leyen expressed confidence that the common energy market will work at its full capacity by the end of 2023 and make it through many winters together.

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GOOD GOVERNANCE

A community in Dnipropetrovsk region developed and approved an Investment Passport

LLCEAD with Europe experts helped the Nikopolskyi community in Dnipropetrovsk region to develop and approve an investment passport.

The community includes more than 30 settlements, so the developers took stock of each of them, determined the strengths and weaknesses, and started in the future. They analyzed the driving forces – utilities, logistics and human capital potentials.

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SUPPORT BY BUSINESS

Volyn communities will get entrepreneurship training

Within the scope of the international cooperation program Eurpartners SME Competitiveness and Entrepreneurship, implemented by the EU Office in Ukraine on behalf of the EU and the German Government, the Prychurtsi Regional Development Agency, Volyn region, and the Ukrainian Business Network offered free training for residents of the Volodymyr-Volynskyi and Nesvyzhskyi communities called "Entrepreneur Start-Up".

30 local community residents who want to start their own business or those with up to 3 years of entrepreneurship experience will learn how to develop the necessary knowledge on how to register their own business, where to find investment, how to develop business plans and promote their business online.

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