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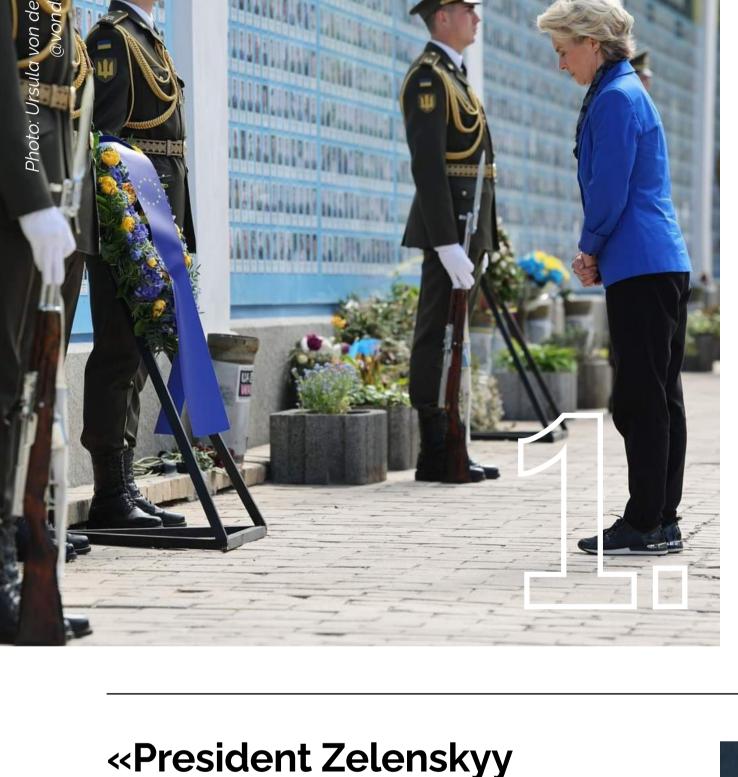


in May that reflect the state and prospects of relations between the European Union and Ukraine. TOP 3

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9 May is Europe Day – from 2023 on also in Ukraine! Peace is at the heart of the EU.

But Russia has brought war back to Europe. Since Russia's full-scale invasion of 24 February 2022, the EU has significantly stepped up its support to Ukraine. We are pushing hard our political, financial, military and humanitarian assistance and imposing tough sanctions against Russia. At the same time, Ukraine is working to meet the seven criteria for EU membership, the European Union is supporting development projects in Ukraine - recovery and reconstruction plans are being drawn up, grants are being awarded to Ukrainian artists, and the European Innovation Council has announced the launch of a programme for Ukrainian startups.



world, has long celebrated the Day of

Happy Europe Day!

While Ukraine, like the rest of the

Remembrance and Reconciliation on 8 May, Europe Day was first celebrated on 9 May with the European Union. Europe Day, along with its anthem, flag and slogan, is the official symbol of the EU and was established to commemorate the Schuman Declaration of 9 May 1950. To demonstrate Europe's unity with Ukraine and the irreversibility of Ukraine's path to the European family, European Commission President Ursula von der

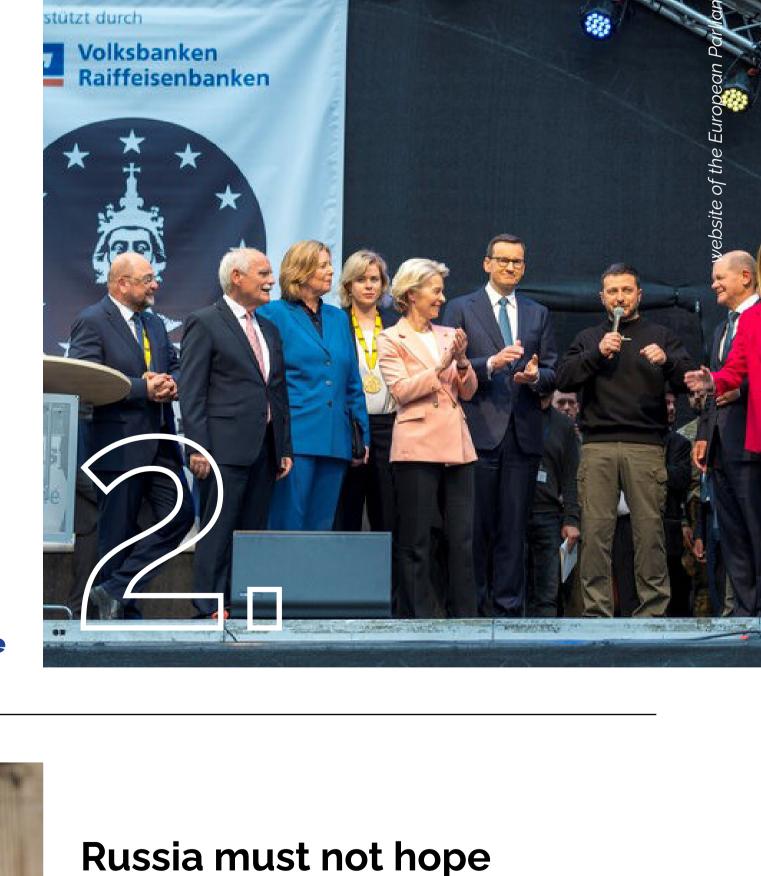
Leyen visited Kyiv on 9 May. **Read more**

are fighting for» The 2023 Charlemagne Prize was awarded to President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and the people of Ukraine in Aachen. European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said:

know exactly what they

and the people of Ukraine

«Ukraine incarnates everything the European idea is living for: the courage of convictions, the fight for values and freedom, the commitment to peace and unity. This is why I am convinced that Ukraine will prevail, it will win peace and make its European destiny come true». **Read more**





to provide long-term instruments to support Kyiv. He supported the supply of long-range weapons to Ukraine

for «EU fatigue on Ukraine»

Josep Borrell has said that in 15 months

to «subjugate» Ukraine and continues

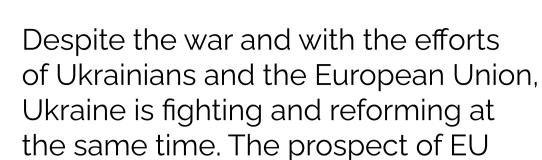
to destroy it. That is why it is essential

of war, Russia has not given up its intention

The European Union's top diplomat

to enable it to respond adequately to Russian aggression. According to Borrell, the only acceptable formula for peace today is the one proposed by Ukraine itself. **Read more** Read more today

Seven criteria that really determine the future

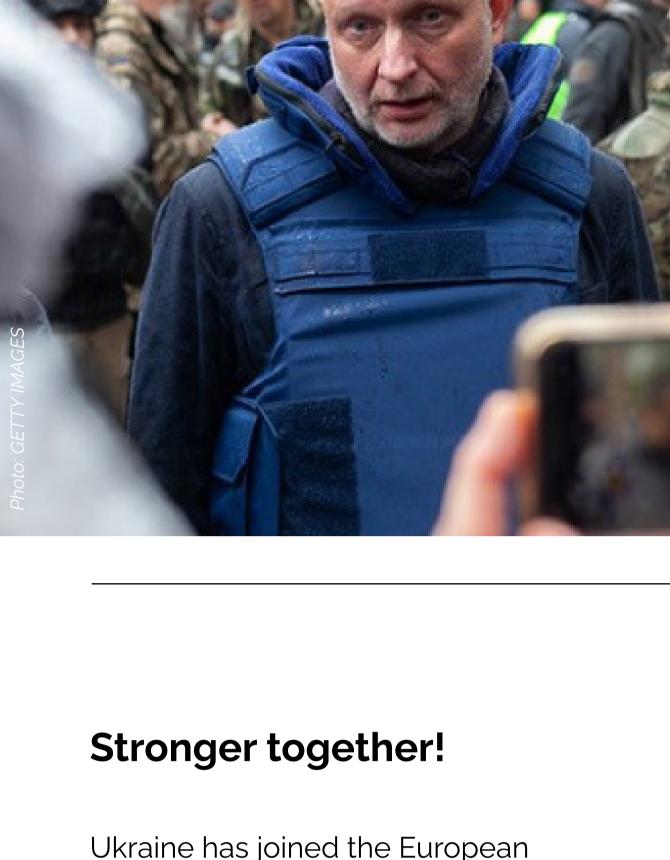


incentive, so the experts' conclusions on Ukraine's fulfillment of the seven criteria are optimistic but do not look reassuringly calming.

membership has become a powerful

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which runs until 2027, aims to ensure that Ukraine's judicial and law enforcement systems align with the country's goal of rapid EU accession. **Read more**

Matti Maasikas: EU welcomes

On 11 May, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy

law enforcement reform. The document.

Ukraine's law enforcement

approved Ukraine's strategic plan for

EU Ambassador,

reform strategy

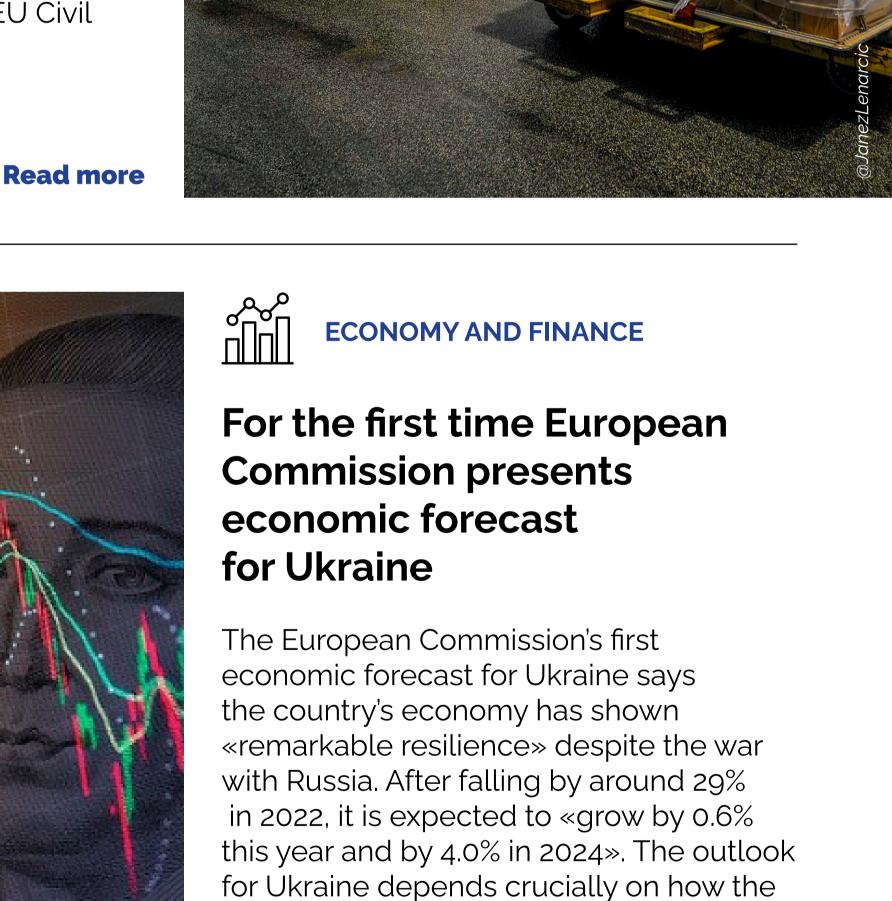


the Mechanism, and in October, Ukraine

received a roadmap to join the EU Civil

Protection Mechanism.

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war unfolds, but there are grounds for

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cautious optimism.



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The €20 million programme aims

The funds will be used for financial

programmes for tech entrepreneurs

startups will get funding in 2023.

to support at least 200 Ukrainian deep-

tech startups with up to €60,000 each.

and non-financial support instruments:

at different stages, including incubation,

acceleration and market entry. The first

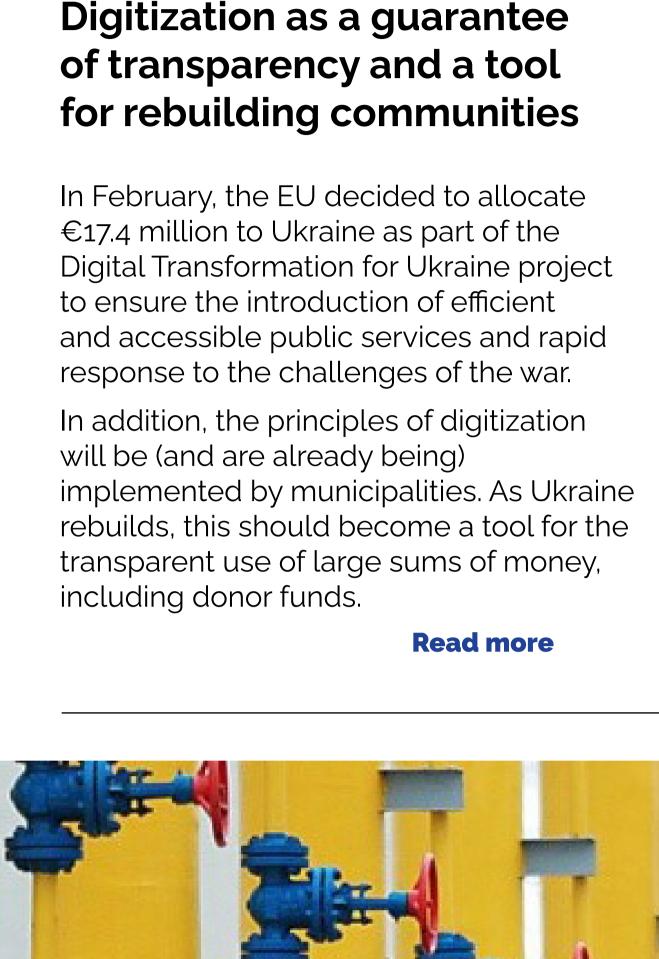


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ЕНЕРГЕТИКА ТА ЄВРОПЕЙСЬКИЙ

«ЗЕЛЕНИЙ КУРС»

Ukrainian gas storage and

European energy security

The European Commission has launched

the REPowerEU initiative to overcome

the EU's dependence on gas from the

it aims to create fuel reserves in case

of force majeure and for a sustainable

heating season. The main requirement

operator must be certified and prove it.

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from structures linked to Russia: any

What does this mean for Ukraine?

for the storage facilities is independence

aggressor country by 2030. In particular,



world and crucial for war-torn Ukraine. According to the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Russia caused almost UAH 2 trillion worth of damage to Ukraine's environment during the fullscale invasion. Since the war is still going on, this is only a preliminary estimate. **Read more**

MEDICINE AND SOCIAL PROTECTION

The EU has allocated €1.9 million to support UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, in the operation of 5 mobile emergency obstetric and Donetsk oblasts. The programme will establish ten gynecological wards and

Supporting and protecting

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TOGETHER

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newborn care units in the war-affected areas of Kharkiv, Mykolaiv, Zaporizhia and support the operation of 14 existing wards. The programme will also support medical staff in dealing with cases of genderbased violence and addressing the needs of women with disabilities.

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