EU-Ukraine: Meeting the challenges together

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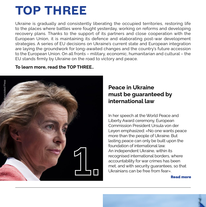

The latest issue of the Media Digest includes publications on the main events of July that reflect the state and prospects of relations between the European Union and Ukraine.

TOP THREE

Ukraine is gradually and consistently liberating the occupied territories, restoring life to the places where bullets were fought yesterday, working on reforms and developing recovery plans. Thanks to the support of its partners and close cooperation with the European Union, it is maintaining its defence and stabilizing post-war development strategies. A series of EU decisions on Ukraine's current state and European integration prospects, as well as the results of the Ukraine Recovery Conference, have been made in the European Union. On all fronts – military, economic, humanitarian and cultural – the EU stands firmly by Ukraine on the road to victory and peace.

To learn more, read the TOP THREE.

Peace in Ukraine must be guaranteed by international law

In her speech at the World Peace and Security Forum, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen emphasized: «No one wants peace more than the people of Ukraine. But nothing peace can only be built upon the foundation of international law. An independent Ukraine, within its recognized international borders, where the Ukrainian people can live their own life free and with security guarantees, so that Ukrainians can be free from fear».

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The EU and Ukraine will meet challenges together

The European Union is preparing a comprehensive, systemic support plan for Ukraine's post-war development. According to the European External Action Service, the EU support for Ukraine is essential, as Russia's war poses fundamental challenge to European security and Ukraine's victory must give up its goal of subjugating Ukraine.

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Support for irreversible reforms

How to ensure that Ukraine's preparations for negotiations and subsequent membership of the European Union meet the EU's requirements and avoid unnecessary compromises – to gain real support from all EU countries, dispel the doubts of those who still believe that reform Ukraine need the New Europe Centre's analytical material.

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LAW AND ORDER

International Day in Support of Victims of Torture: Statement by EEAS High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Josep Borrell

Torture is one of the most serious crimes against human dignity. It is a crime that applies to all countries, from EU to Russia to most countries against Turkey and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. Since the first days of the Russian aggression against Ukraine, the effective functioning has become a matter of urgency.

The EU is stepping up its efforts to prevent torture and punish those responsible.

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The International Centre for the Prosecution of the Crime of Russia's Aggression against Ukraine has been launched

By consistently implementing its commitments, the European Union demonstrated its determination to ensure full accountability for international crimes committed in the context of the aggression against Ukraine. This is, in particular, a crime of aggression committed by the highest political and military leadership of the Russian Federation. The work of the Hague Group, which brings together the world the prohibition of the use of force is the bedrock of a civilised rules-based international order and violations will be brought to justice.

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MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND SECURITY

The Peace Facility budget increased by €3.5 billion

The Council of the European Union has agreed to increase the budget of the European Peace Facility, which provides military assistance to Ukraine and other things, from €5.5 billion to more than €10 billion. This is the second increase in funding for the European Peace Facility since its establishment. The European Peace Facility. The Facility has proven its effectiveness, partners have been the reliability and speed of assistance provided by the European Union itself has grown stronger.

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European Peace Facility

UKRAINE-EU ACCESSION NEGOTIATION

Ursula von der Leyen: We must now imagine what the EU should be like when Ukraine, Moldova and the Western Balkans become part of it

As the world undergoes global change, Ukraine's European perspective is reviewing their current ways of operating to continue responding effectively to challenges and to ensure the interests. The European Union is also considering long-term development strategies, including expanding and integrating new member states.

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EU and Ukraine strengthen medical evacuation system

On 22 June, the WHO Regional Office for Europe launched an 18-month project to support the Ukrainian Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Health of Ukraine during medical evacuation and repatriation systems and services, funded by the European Union's Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (EU FPI). The project will support the Ministry of Health of Ukraine in further developing and formalising the national Medical Evacuation Coordination Unit for Medical Evacuation.

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Conclusions to be drawn in October: how Ukraine is doing its «homework»

The European Commission has assessed the progress made by Ukraine in the ongoing EU accession negotiations: two of the seven criteria have been fully met, three have been partially met and two are free. This was an interim report in October, it will be seen whether Kyiv has completed its «homework» set a year ago.

Our European partners stress the need for continuing reforms and the fight against corruption. Read the article to learn what has been done in the justice sector over the past year.

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The Ukraine Facility: transformations, territories, people

On 20 June 2023, the European Union (EU) announced the creation of a new instrument – the Ukraine Facility – aimed at helping Ukraine in its recovery and implementation of measures necessary for EU membership. The Ukraine support for the Instrument is €50 billion until 2027. The Ukraine Facility is a new instrument in every region feels the results!

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ECONOMY AND FINANCE

Dealing with the aftermath of the terrorist attack on the Kakhovka Hydropower Plant

The destruction of the Kakhovka HPP dam has caused floodwaters to overflow from the reservoir, inundating hundreds of nearby villages, destroying farmland and exacerbating the already dire humanitarian situation in southern Ukraine, leaving many communities without access to drinking water. Ukraine is responding to the assistance already provided by the EU's Civil Protection Mechanism and Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC) over generators worth €20 million to Ukraine.

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Ukraine joins the Connecting Europe Facility

Ukraine has become the first non-EU member states to join the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF). Under the agreement signed between the EU and Ukraine will receive €3.5 billion for infrastructure development, allowing Ukraine to benefit from the CEF's funding for projects of common interest in the transport, energy and digital sectors.

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Ukraine implements EU approach to classification of goods

The CMU Resolution «On Amendments to the Procedure for Maintaining the Unified State Register of Legal Entities, Foreign Economic Activity» implements EU approaches to classifying goods into the combined nomenclature, which is the uniform application of common EU rules by all customs authorities.

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Borders without unnecessary obstacles

A pilot project to test the emergency warning system has been completed at the Orlivka-Isaccea, Porubne-Siret, Krasnoyilsk-Vlcovo, Ile Turi and Dyakovo-Halmeu checkpoints on the Ukrainian-Romanian border.

It helped to improve the work of the EU and Ukrainian customs services. As a result, more than 1,000 customs officers have been made since 1 October 2022 when the provisions of the Convention on a common transit procedure (NCTS) entered into force.

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Roaming for Ukraine: operators extend agreement on «one-cost» calls to and from Ukraine for another year

On 5 July the European Commission extended free roaming for Ukrainians. Mobile operators from Ukraine and Ukrainian operators have joined the agreement in 2022. The Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC) says the agreement has proved effective in ensuring roaming calls offer affordable rates across borders.

At the same time, the European Commission is preparing to include Ukraine in the EU roaming area, but this will require Ukraine to fully harmonise its legislation with EU law.

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CULTURE, EDUCATION, SCIENCE

Young anti-corruption activists trained in Yablunytsia

The European Union and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Ukraine have trained young people on an anti-corruption campaign in the village of Yablunytsia, Ivano-Frankivsk region. The five-day event brought together 40 law students from different universities, who, after the training, feel like the areas of active mobilizers.

The EU is working with UNDP and local civil society organisations to support Ukraine's reform and development.

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The European Union supports the cultural front of Ukraine

The Cultural Mission Art Open Air event, held at the Lavra Gallery in Kyiv on 6 June, was dedicated to the theme of «Together. We Create. Together. We Preserve» campaign, which informed Ukrainians about the EU's support for Ukrainian culture during the full-scale war. In the first 18 months of the war, the EU has provided more than €15 million to help secure, evacuate and preserve cultural heritage, including the mapping and digitalisation of exhibits and architectural monuments at risk of destruction or theft due to the large-scale Russian war.

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Modern school: computer science course adapts to new realities

The Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and the Ministry of Digital Transformation of Ukraine, with the support of the EU under the EU4DigitalUA programme, presented the results of the pilot project «Implementation of Studios» Artificial Intelligence, cloud technologies, big data and robotics are no longer a dream, but a reality for students in Ukraine, and update the content of school computer science. The pilot, which started in September 2022, involved 25 teachers and more than 3,000 students from 30 schools.

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