



Union and Ukraine. TOP THREE

Demonstrating the European Union's consistent and growing support for Ukraine on all

October that reflect the state and prospects of relations between the European

fronts - political, military, financial, energy, and humanitarian - was the keynote of September.

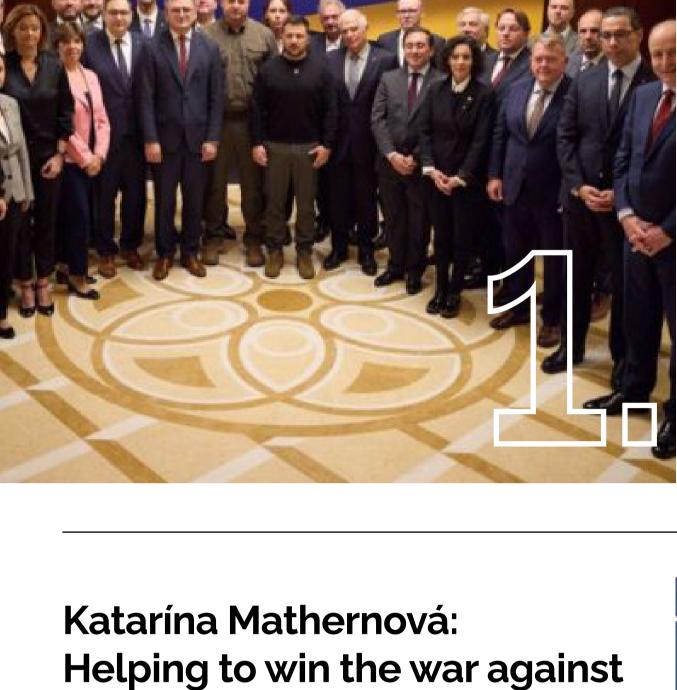
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The key event of the month was the first meeting of the EU Council of Ministers in Kyiv on 2 October. The meeting was devoted to EU-Ukraine cooperation in the context of the war

and preparation for EU accession negotiations. Several important steps were taken in September to enhance the capacity of the Ukrainian Armed Forces and to strengthen the resilience of the country's energy system ahead of the challenging winter period.

Another important event in September was the start of the mandate of the new European Union Ambassador to Ukraine. Katarína Mathernová arrived in Kyiv with a strong commitment to contribute to Ukraine's victory and recovery, and the EU stands firmly and unwaveringly by its side. Read the interview with Ambassador Mathernova in TOP 3.

«The heart of Europe beats



On 2 October, a truly historic event took place - for the first time, a meeting of the Council of Ministers of the European Union was held outside the EU, in Ukraine. Ministers of foreign affairs and their envoys from all 27

strongest here in Kyiv,

here in Ukraine»

EU countries arrived in Kyiv. The main issues on the agenda were Ukraine's integration into the European Union, demonstrating continued support, reviewing the results (in particular of Western military assistance), and further tightening of sanctions against Russia. **Read more**

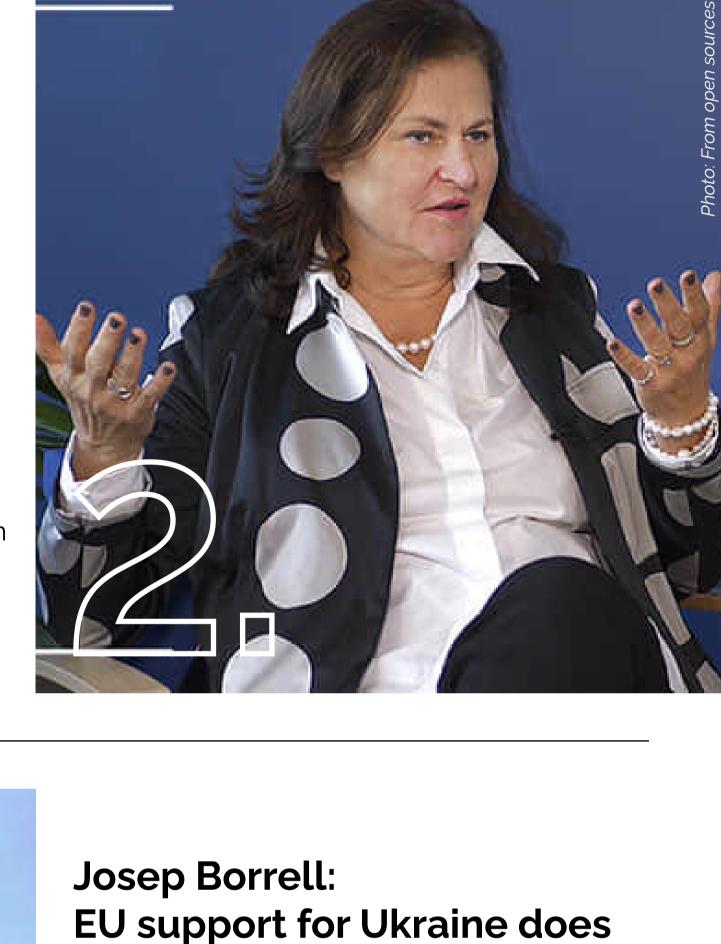
On 20 September, the new European Union Ambassador to Ukraine Katarína Mathernová began her term of office. She knows Ukraine well and has been working on Ukrainian issues since 2015. Such a long period of work in a single area is unusual in the system of has been directly involved in shaping the

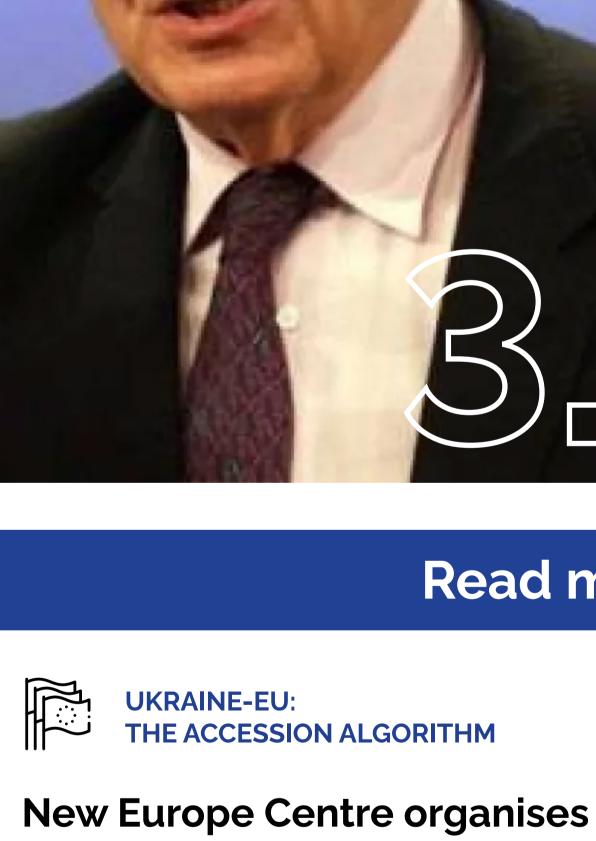
the Russian aggressor and

«win the peace»

the EU. In recent years, Katarína Mathernová EU's policy towards our country, heading the Support Group for Ukraine, a special unit of the European Commission that has no equivalent in any other EU partner state. In an interview with EuroPravda, Katarína Mathernová spoke about her plans for the post of EU Ambassador to Ukraine.

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High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Vice-President of the European Commission Josep Borrell, who arrived in Kyiv on 1 October. He met with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Minister of Foreign Affairs Dmytro Kuleba, and Defence Minister Rustem Umerov. Together, they paid tribute to the fallen Ukrainian defenders. On 30

not depend on the course

The European Union's support for Ukraine is

constant and structured, as stated by the EU

of the war

September, Josep Borrell visited the Cathedral of the Transfiguration in Odesa, which had been destroyed by Russian shelling. **Read more** Read more today INTERNATIONAL

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Accession

Exchange

More than 100 participants attended, and watched panel sessions discussing the



challenges of Russia's war on Ukraine's integration into the EU, and EU reforms for new members and candidate countries.

European Union Ambassador Katarína

Mathernová said: "I strongly support the thesis that if it had not been for the unfortunate and tragic escalation of the war and the invasion on 24 February last year, we would not be discussing the issues of the Forum... But because we have very deep association and

trade agreements that have gone through a lot of internal reforms with a lot of emphasis on governance, on the rule of law, on the fight against corruption, on building institutions and regulatory regimes, we have a basis to discuss

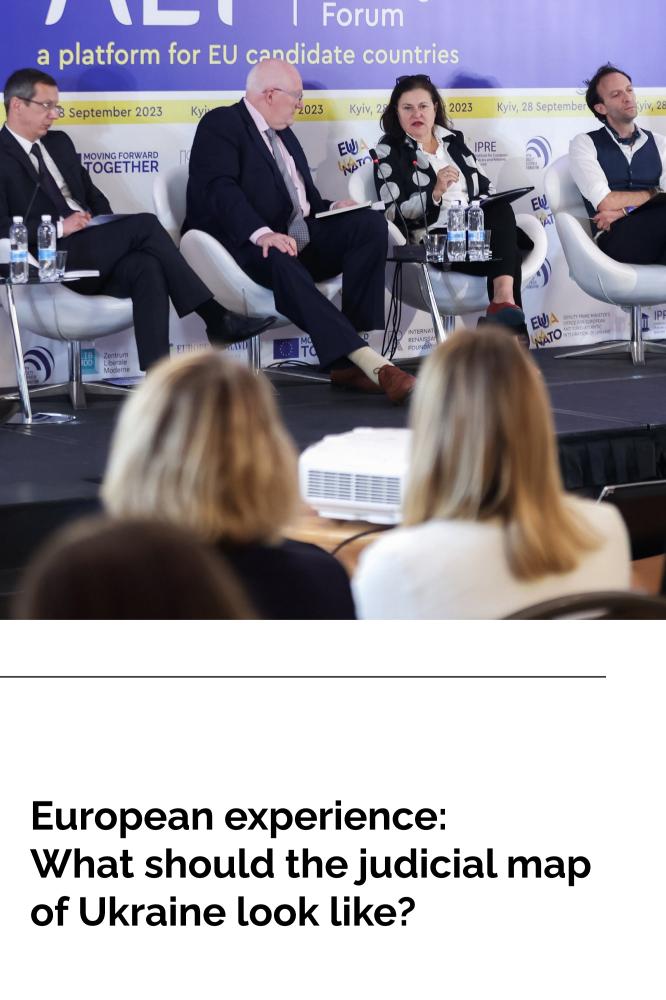
all these issues".

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experience of judicial map-making in different countries will be beneficial for Ukraine, as it will help to avoid many challenges and achieve an effective result. **Read more**

The reform of the judiciary involves changes in

the system of the formation and functioning of

courts, and new approaches to the creation of

a 'judicial map'. In Ukraine, this issue is mainly

discussed by experts. Still, their decisions will

economic component, as the maintenance of

courts is a significant cost item. The European

directly affect the quality of justice and the

SECURITY SUPPORT

for US decision

European Union will not wait

The European Union is not waiting for the

US to resolve budgetary issues regarding

assistance to Ukraine, but is increasing its

for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

support for Kyiv. The EU's High Representative

European Commission Vice-President Josep

Borrell, said the EU was considering various

proposals to provide €50 billion in financial

the Ukrainian Armed Forces. "Let's see what

will happen in the US, but from our side, we

will continue supporting and increasing our

aid to Ukraine and another €20 billion for

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Marlaska Gomez, Interior Minister of Spain,

the European Union.

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which holds the presidency of the Council of

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Ammunition for victory



support," said Borrell.

ECONOMY, FINANCE AND BUSINESS

Peter Wagner's visit to Izium: Rebuilding schools, heating season, mine clearance Recognising the enormous challenges faced by communities during the war, particularly in the education sector, the European

Commission's Service for Foreign Policy

Instruments has decided to provide additional

war-affected regions of Ukraine and to create

Holmboe, Head of the EU Advisory Mission to

Ukraine, reviewed the implementation of the

discussed the start of the heating season and

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programme in the Kharkiv region. They also

funding of more than €5 million. The funds

will be used to rebuild 12 schools in three

Peter Wagner, Director of the EU Service

for Foreign Policy Instruments, and Rolf

25 Digital Learning Centres in 2023.

de-mining.

EU to help Ukraine get

through the harsh winter

Summing up the outcome of the European

€50 million to the Ukraine Energy Support

Union Energy Council, European Energy

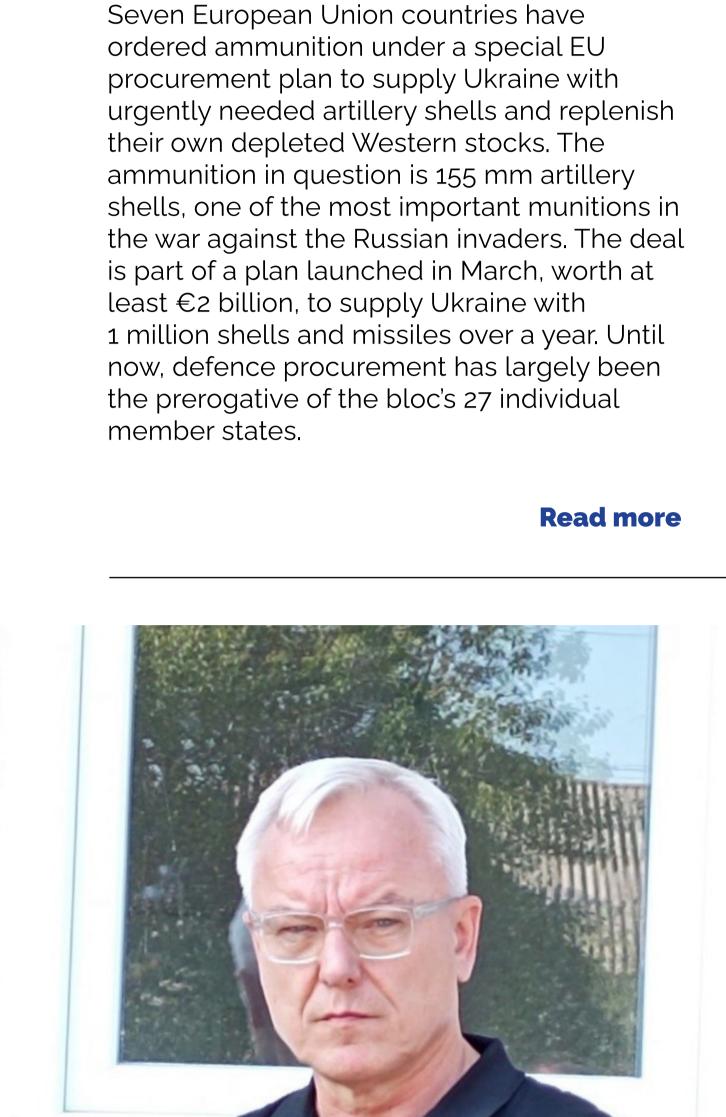
Commissioner Kadri Simson announced

a European Commission grant of over

Fund. She reaffirmed the European

Commission's unwavering support for Ukraine "on the eve of another difficult winter for Ukrainians". The harsh military winter of 2022–2023 was a serious challenge for Ukraine and Ukrainians. Still, the country withstood and came through this challenging period with dignity, thanks to the European Union's strong support for

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Financial consolidation

for CEB-financed public sector investments

EIB's financial support of more than €2 billion

in Ukraine. The country can count on the

for Ukraine

The Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the World Bank are harmonising procurement procedures



Ukraine's energy front.

З ЄС ТА УКРАЇНИ ДО ВЛАСНОГО БІЗНЕСУ Перевагу якому виду праці надала молодь з України та ЄС, % Молодь України 🦱 Молодь ЄС -Найманий працівник**— 55%** Немає відповіді

СТАВЛЕННЯ МОЛОДІ

GOOD GOVERNANCE A decentralised country can mobilise and act quickly: U-LEAD with **Europe contributes to the** development of Ukrainian communities

organisation, and their readiness to make the necessary decisions in times of peace and war. The European Union has supported and will continue to support Ukrainian communities in realising their potential to contribute to the reconstruction and development of the country. **MOVING FORWARD**

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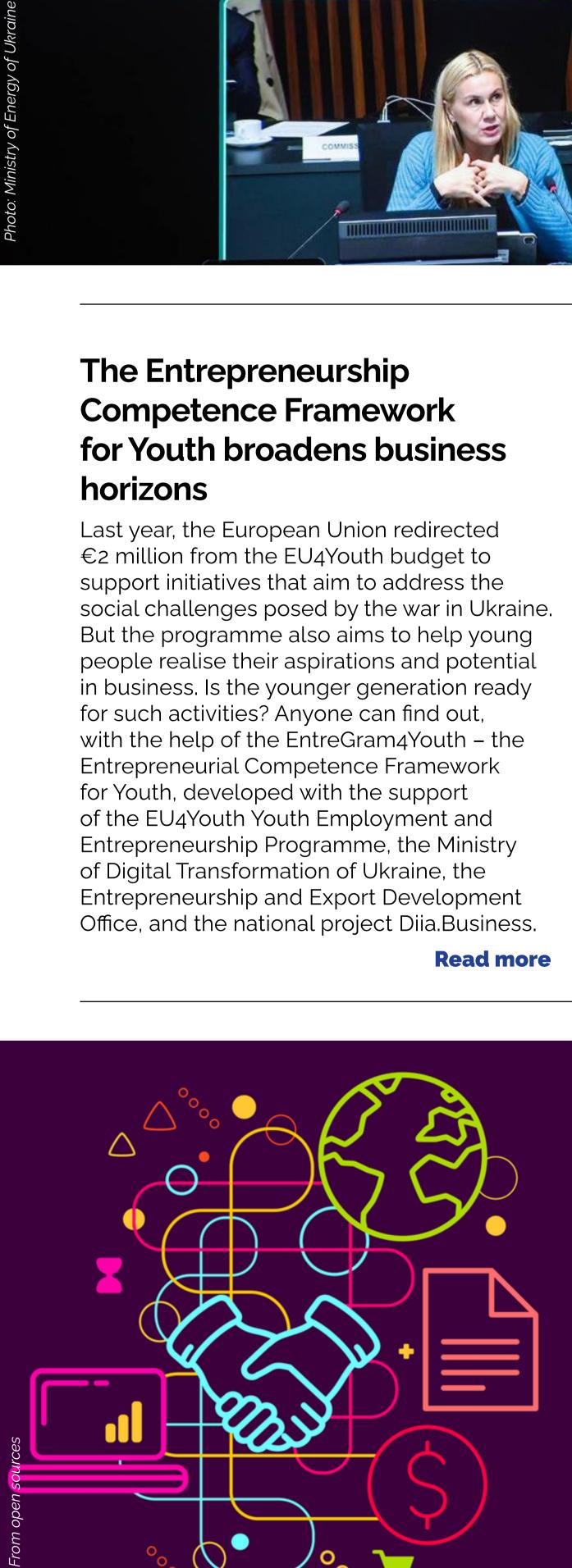
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