





February 2024 started with an event that had taken a long and challenging time to prepare - the leaders of the EU member states approved a EUR 50 billion financial assistance package to Ukraine at a meeting of the European Council. The decision was

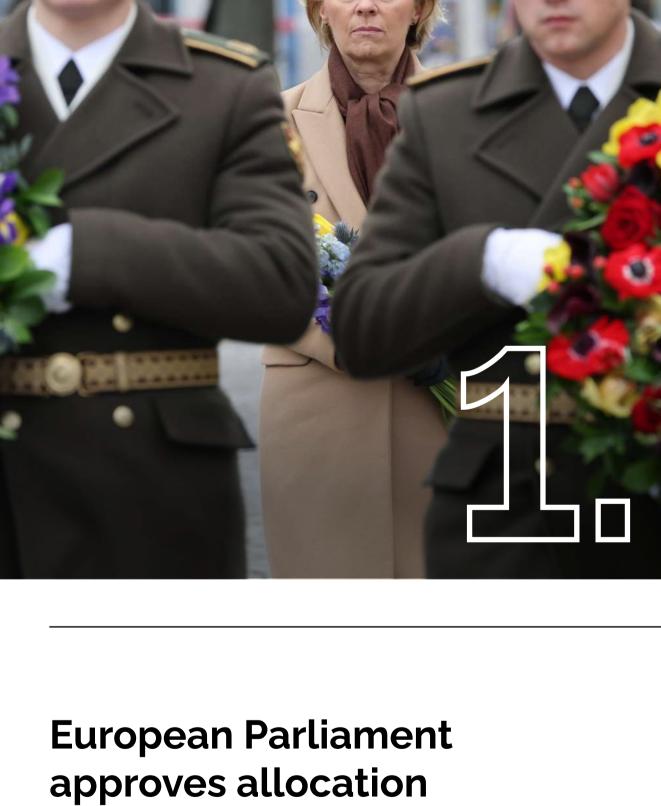
of February manifesting the condition and prospects of EU-Ukraine relations.

critically important for Ukraine and symbolic for the European Union, as it confirmed the EU's commitment to supporting Ukraine both during the war and in the period of rebuilding. On February 21, the Committee of Permanent Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Union increased the European Peace Facility (EPF), which finances procurements of weapons for Ukraine, by EUR 3.5 billion, with some EU Member

States stepping up their efforts to ensure Ukraine's military capacity to fight against illegal Russia's aggression. Also in February, EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Josep Borrell visited Kyiv. In his address at the Verkhovna Rada he largely spoke about the importance of preserving political pluralism and freedom of speech, some of the basic principles of the EU, even in times of war.

Other February events included adoption of a resolution allowing the use of profits from Russia's frozen assets for Ukraine, and the launch of another EU grant programme of with EUR 1 million in funding for Ukrainian small and medium sized enterprises. Despite the difficulties of our reality, the EU continues to stand side-by-side with Ukraine, supporting the country on its path towards victory and recovery.

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# On 24 February, the second anniversary of the start of Russia's full-scale war, the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, and other high-ranking guests arrived in Kyiv to demonstrate their unwavering support for and solidarity with Ukrainians. Addressing Ukrainians

Ursula von der Leyen:

"You saved your country.

You saved all of Europe."

from Hostomel, President von der Leyen said: "Exactly two years ago, it felt like everything was lost, and Kyiv would fall within days. But Kyiv stood strong. Your courage stood in Putin's way. You did not flee or flinch. A small contingent of Ukrainian heroes held back the invader, fighting to your last bullet and your last breath. And you managed to stop Russia's attack towards the heart of Ukraine. You saved your country. You saved all of Europe. And today, we are here from across Europe and the world, to pay tribute to your bravery." Read the text of the speech by the President of the European Commission at the joint press conference with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Kyiv. **Read more** 

# the allocation of the package of macro-financial support to Ukraine worth EUR 50 billion as a part of . The statement of the co-rapporteurs from Poland and Portugal reads: "It is extremely important for us to provide unwavering support to Ukraine and its people. They can count on

the continuous and reliable support of the

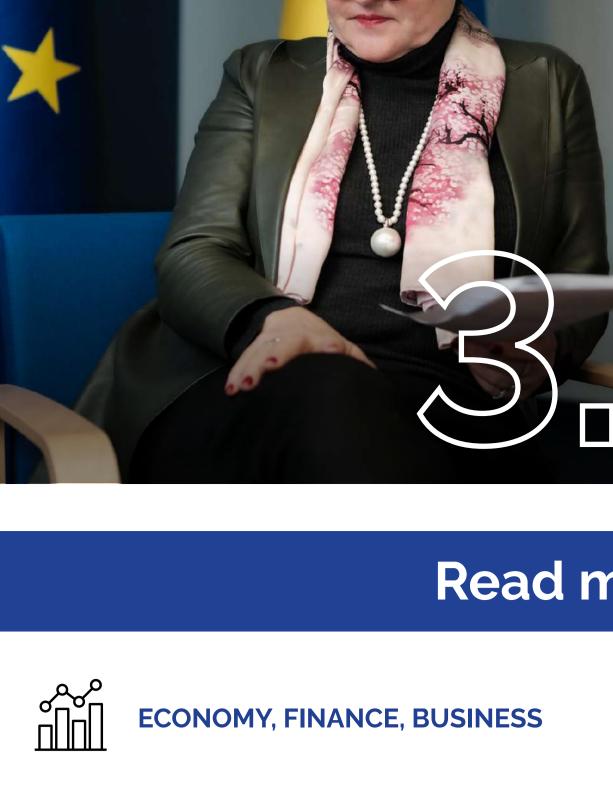
At a plenary session in Strasbourg on

of EUR 50 billion to Ukraine

27 February, the European Parliament approved

European Union." As was previously reported, this exceptional support package of EUR 50 billion for 2024–2027 is aimed at addressing Ukraine's urgent challenges and supporting Ukraine's efforts to rebuild and modernise the country on its path towards EU membership. **Read more** 





# Katarína Mathernová, explained that the support for Ukraine within the Facility would be conditional on further 'upholding and respecting effective democratic institutions'. This was also a precondition for the entire EU macro-financial assistance provided to Ukraine over the past decade.

Following the approval of the EU's decision

Ukraine Facility, EU Ambassador to Ukraine,

Katarína Mathernová, met with RBC-Ukraine

journalists to discuss the future mechanism

In the interview, EU Ambassador to Ukraine,

of its functioning.

to allocate EUR 50 billion to Ukraine under the

Learn more about the Plan for Ukraine, the conditions of the assistance, the "Hungarian factor", EU accession.

military support, and the start of negotiations on **Read more** Read more today

# On 12 February, the Council of the European



for Ukraine

y Vitaliy Nosach (RBC Ukraine)

Union adopted a regulation that allows the use of net profits from immobilised Russian assets to support Ukraine. This decision paves the way for the Council to decide on possible establishment

# of a financial contribution to the EU budget raised on these net profits, to support Ukraine and its recovery and reconstruction at a later stage.

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These words of Robert Schuman are quoted

of the European Council Charles Michel and

geopolitical environment means that Europe

Ukraine and in other countries. Josep Borrel,

must take full "strategic responsibility", both in

President of the European Commission, Ursula

von der Leyen, agree that the current dangerous

today more often by European leaders. President



# Head of EU Diplomacy, writes about this issue as well. For more detail, read this article.

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# ПОЛІЦІЯ

To find missing persons

Through the financial support of the EU, the

International Commission on Missing Persons

(ICMP) donated equipment and material worth

more than €12,000 to Ukraine's State Scientific

efforts to account for missing persons as a result

Research Forensic Centre (SSRFC) to support

of the Russian invasion and investigate war

and ensure justice

crimes.

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EU provides cars to support investigations and prosecution of Russia's war crimes President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen handed over 50 cars to the National Police of Ukraine and the Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine. Cars provided via the Commission's Service for Foreign Policy Instruments are part of a larger support package for needs in high-risk environments. The budget of the support package totals around €19.9 million, out of which the European Commission contributes €18 million and Germany €1.9 million. The cars will help support war crime investigations and prosecution in de occupied and adjacent territories.



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# MI-BMTV.

'Hope' to help demine **Ukrainian cities** Peter Wagner, Director of the EU's Service for Foreign Policy Instruments, visited Dnipro and delivered Hope (Nadiia), a DOK-ING MV-10

remote demining system, to the State Special

Transport Service. Ukraine received it as part

of an EU assistance package worth



**HUMANITARIAN AID** 

EU increases humanitarian aid

The European Commission announced an annual

humanitarian aid budget of EUR 1.8 billion to

having once again increased its commitment

the world. EUR 115 million will be directed to

to support the most vulnerable people around

Southeast Europe and the Eastern Partnership

countries, mostly addressing the consequences

of Russia's war of aggression in Ukraine, as well

Western Balkans and the Caucasus. Since 2022,

and humanitarian assistance to Ukraine for an

amount of nearly EUR 88 billion.

the has EU provided economic, financial, military,

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as funding projects for ongoing needs in the

help the most vulnerable countries in 2024.

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budget



# EUR 25 million for humanitarian demining, which was announced at the EU-Ukraine Summit in February 2023. Alongside previous specialised equipment and gear that was provided, the system will be an excellent addition to the arsenal of Ukrainian forces engaged in the extremely challenging task of demining liberated areas. Read more

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**GOOD GOVERNANCE** 

new housing for IDPs

The energy efficient reconstruction of a

former boarding school dormitory provides

urgent housing for displaced Ukrainians in the

housing for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)

in Kivertsi was one of the projects implemented

under the 'EU Support for Urgent Housing Needs

managed by Nefco. The initiative aims to provide

accommodation in ten cities across western and

central Ukraine, including Kivertsi, Chernivtsi,

Chortkiv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Khmelnytskiy, Kovel,

armed aggression. The goal of the project is to

provide proper homes to Ukrainians who were

forced to flee their homes because

Lutsk, Rivne, Zolochiv, and Zviahel, for Ukrainian

citizens forced to flee their homes due to Russia's

community of Kivertsi. The reconstruction of

for Internally Displaced Persons in Ukraine'

action, funded by the European Union and

EU project is helping provide

# education. Our most recent initiative underlines the EU's unwavering commitment to ensure an educational environment that is as safe as possible for all children in Ukraine," Katarína Mathernová, Ambassador of the European Union to Ukraine, said in a press release about the

conditions

implementing the project.

conclusion of the agreement.

Children must learn in safe

The European Commission will allocate

EUR 500,000 and taking responsibility for

of Ukrainian children of a normal life and

EUR 15 million to build new school shelters in

Ukraine. Lithuania is contributing an additional

"Russia's war of aggression is robbing thousands

of Russia's war. **Read more** 

# equipment for operation of its energy system The Ukraine Energy Support Fund established upon the initiative of the EU has delivered excavators to help rebuild damaged energy infrastructure in the Zaporizhzhia Oblast. These vehicles are a part of a significant package

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of vehicles and other urgently needed materials and equipment procured by the Ukraine Energy Support Fund for distribution among network operators. The excavators will help to speed up the restoration of a stable power grid after the

destruction caused by the war.



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