

# EU SOLIDARITY WITH UKRAINE

#StandWithUkraine January 2023



The EU stands united in its **unwavering support of Ukraine** in the face of Russia's unprovoked and unjustified aggression and the illegal annexation of Ukrainian territory by the Russian Federation. The EU firmly condemns this violation of international law.

The EU has offered **temporary protection to Ukrainians** fleeing the war. Since the start of Russia's war of aggression, the EU, Member States and the European Financial Institutions, in a Team Europe appoach, are making available up to €49 billion in financial, humanitarian, emergency budget, and military support to Ukraine.

#### SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE'S ECONOMY

In 2022, the EU disbursed **€7.2 billion** in EU macro-financial assistance and **€620 million** in budget support. Overall, the support provided or guaranteed by the EU budget for the year 2022 amounted to **€11.6 billion**. In addition, the EU is providing an unprecedented support package for Ukraine of up to **€18 billion** for 2023, in the form of highly concessional loans. The first installment of **€3 billion** was disbursed in January 2023. Thanks to this, Ukraine will be able to keep paying wages and pensions and maintain essential public services, such as hospitals, schools, and housing for relocated people. It will also ensure macroeconomic stability, and help restore critical infrastructure destroyed.



A €330 million emergency package is focused on the immediate needs of internally displaced persons, including social housing and repair of damaged infrastructure, in particular heating, water and sewage facilities. Previous ongoing projects worth €192 million have been adjusted to meet urgent needs on the ground. The EU has suspended import duties on all Ukrainian exports to the EU and all EU anti-dumping and safeguard measures in place on Ukrainian steel exports for one year.

The EU is also providing support via the European Investment Bank and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development by providing EU guarantees that enable them to lend to the Ukrainian government and companies providing vital services.

Team Europe is making available €37.3 billion in financial, budget support and humanitarian assistance

This includes an unprecedented financial support package of up to

€18 billion for Ukraine in 2023

An additional up to

#### €11.5 billion

in military assistance for Ukraine has been made available under the European Peace Facility and by Member States directly



## THE EU-UKRAINE SOLIDARITY LANES

The European Commission and EU Member States established, together with Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova, the EU-Ukraine **Solidarity Lanes** – essential corridors to ensure that Ukraine can export grain and other agricultural products, but also import the goods it needs, from humanitarian aid to animal feed and fertilisers. Since the start of the war they have enabled the export of around **23 million tonnes of Ukrainian agricultural products**, generating about **€20 billion of income** for Ukrainian farmers and businesses.

**€1 billion**, including contributions from the Commission, the European Investment Bank, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the World Bank Group, are being mobilised for scaling up the Solidarity Lanes. As part of the **Grain from Ukraine** initiative, the Commission will finance the transport of **40.000 tonnes** of Ukrainian grain to vulnerable countries.

## WELCOMING PEOPLE FLEEING THE WAR

On 4 March, the EU triggered the Temporary Protection Directive giving displaced people fleeing the war in Ukraine rights to a residence permit, access to the labour market and suitable accommodation or housing, medical care, and access to education for children. EU countries have welcomed millions of people from Ukraine since 24 February 2022 and have recorded around 4 million for temporary protection.

#### **HUMANITARIAN AID**

The Commission has allocated €485 million for humanitarian aid programmes in Ukraine to be implemented by humanitarian partners on the ground. In addition, over 84,000 tonnes of in-kind assistance with an estimated value of over €516 million has been delivered to Ukraine from EU Member States and partners via the EU Civil Protection Mechanism. This includes, via the rescEU emergency stockpiles, over €36 million worth of shelter, medical and specialised equipment for public health risks such as chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear threats for Ukraine.





The EU has also successfully coordinated over **1,700 medical** evacuations of Ukrainian patients to provide them with specialised healthcare in hospitals across Europe.

Through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism, 20 European countries have offered over **1,300 power generators** to Ukraine. At the request of the European Commission, over **€156 million** have been made available to cover the immediate needs in the energy sector under the Ukraine Energy Support Fund established by the Energy Community. The EU is also mobilising **€30 million** to purchase 30 million LED light bulbs for Ukraine.

## SUPPORT FOR UKRAINIAN SCHOOL CHILDREN

The EU is supporting the rehabilitation of damaged schools in Ukraine with €100 million, including €34 million from the humanitarian funding. The European Commission has allocated around €14 million to purchase school buses and bring Ukrainian children safely to school. The Commission has also launched an EU-wide solidarity campaign to donate school buses for Ukraine, channelled through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism.

# SUPPORT FOR RESILIENCE AND CIVIL SOCIETY

Since the beginning of Russia's aggression, the EU has stepped up its immediate support to strengthen Ukraine's **cyber resilience** with **€10 million** for equipment, software and other related support. Further **€15 million** from the €330 million package have been provided to support **resilient digital transformation**. The EU is providing **€31 million** to support civil society under the Civil Society and the Human rights and Democracy Thematic programmes.

## **HOLDING RUSSIA ACCOUNTABLE**

As part of wider €89 million rapid-reaction support measures for early recovery and rehabilitation, the EU is also supporting the International Criminal Court investigations into war crimes committed by Russia with €7.5 million. An EU Joint Investigation Team set up with Poland, Latvia, Estonia, Slovakia, Romania, Lithuania and Ukraine, is also supported by Eurojust. The Commission, while continuing to support the work of the International Criminal Court, is ready to work with the international community on setting up an ad hoc international tribunal or a specialised 'hybrid' tribunal to investigate and prosecute Russia's crimes of aggression. Over €20 billion of assets of listed persons and entities have been frozen. Around €300 billion of the Russian Central Bank reserves are blocked in the EU and other G7 countries. To make the most of these funds for the rebuilding of Ukraine, the Commission has proposed different options to Member States, which it is now discussing with them and its international partners.

# SUPPORT FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING

€3.1 billion were mobilised under the European Peace Facility to support the delivery of military equipment to the Ukrainian Armed Forces. In addition, the EU Military Assistance Mission for Ukraine is tackling urgent and longer-term training needs of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, amounting to €123 million. EU military support for Ukraine – provided by the European Peace Facility and the Member States directly – is around €11.5 billion.



European Commission: https://eu-solidarity-ukraine.ec.europa.eu/index\_en I twitter: @EU\_Commission European External Action Service: eeas.europa.eu/delegations/ukraine I twitter.com/eu\_eeas

© European Union, 2023 Reuse of this document is allowed, provided appropriate credit is given and any changes are indicated (Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International license). For any use or reproduction of elements that are not owned by the EU, permission may need to be sought directly from the respective right holders. All images © European Union, unless otherwise stated.

Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union, 2023 Print ISBN 978-92-76-61956-7 doi:10.2775/787057 NA-04-23-029-EN-C PDF ISBN 978-92-76-61955-0 doi:10.2775/876464 NA-04-23-029-EN-N