



# THE EU AND UKRAINE

Membership status: candidate country

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On 28 February 2022, Ukraine applied for EU membership. On 17 June 2022, the European Commission presented its Opinion on the application. Based on the Commission's Opinion, the European Council acknowledged the European perspective of Ukraine and granted the country candidate status on 23 June 2022.



## EU FUNDING

The EU is **one of Ukraine's strongest supporters**. Since the start of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, the EU made available close to **€83 billion** in financial, humanitarian, and military assistance to Ukraine and to cater for Ukrainians' needs in the EU. This includes €18 billion in macro-financial assistance only in 2023 and €814 million in grants.



## TRADE AND INVESTMENT

The EU is granting Ukraine autonomous trade measures thus suspending all outstanding import duties, quotas, and trade defence measures on Ukrainian exports to the EU until June 2024.

According to data from the Ukrainian authorities, 95 million tonnes of Ukrainian products have been transported via EU-Ukraine Solidarity Lanes established in June 2022. The EU is contributing with €202 million to scale up the capacity of the Solidarity Lanes.



## UKRAINE FACILITY

On 20 June 2023, the Commission proposed to set up a new **€50 billion Ukraine Facility** to support Ukraine's recovery, reconstruction and modernization, and reforms needed for EU accession.

The Ukraine Facility will provide coherent, predictable, and flexible support to Ukraine for the period 2024-2027, adapted to the challenges faced by a country at war.



## MULTI-AGENCY DONOR COORDINATION PLATFORM FOR UKRAINE

The Platform, launched on 26 January 2023 by the G7, helps coordinate the support for country's immediate financing needs and future economic recovery and reconstruction, together with the international financial institutions.

## KEY MILESTONES

### JUNE 2017

Visa facilitation and readmission agreements enter into force

### SEPTEMBER 2017

Association Agreement and Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA) enter into force

### MARCH 2022

Shortly after the beginning of Russia's war of aggression, Ukraine applies for EU Membership

### JUNE 2022

Commission recommends candidate status

### JUNE 2022

European Council grants candidate status

### JUNE 2023

Commission oral update to the Council on the progress in the 7 steps

### NOVEMBER 2023

Commission recommends opening accession negotiations



## RESILIENCE AND CIVIL SOCIETY

The EU triggered the Temporary Protection Directive to give people fleeing the war in Ukraine the right to temporary protection in the EU. The EU allocated **€17 billion** to Member States to host Ukrainians inside the EU. For 2022, €11.6 billion in grants and loans have been allocated, with 90% already disbursed.

This includes the Cohesion's Action for Refugees in Europe (CARE) package, providing €13.6 billion to help national budgets respond to urgent needs.

The EU is supporting the strengthening of Ukraine's cyber resilience and digital transformation with **€30 million**.

The EU donated **€100 million** for rehabilitation of damaged schools in Ukraine, and further €14 million to purchase school buses.

The EU provided **€31 million** in support to civil society under the Civil Society and the Human rights and Democracy Thematic programmes, since 2022.



## HUMANITARIAN AID AND CIVIL PROTECTION

The Commission allocated **€685 million** for humanitarian aid programmes in Ukraine.

EU Civil Protection Mechanism helped deliver to Ukraine over 95,800 tonnes of in-kind assistance for 2022-2023.

More than **€110 million** has been provided by the EU and Member States for humanitarian demining.

Aside from donation of 5,500 generators, around **€220 million** have been made available upon EU's request via Ukraine Energy Support Fund to cover the immediate needs in the Ukrainian energy sector.

2,600 medical patients were evacuated from Ukraine to European hospitals.

3,000 shelter units were mobilised.



## ECONOMIC AND INVESTMENT PLAN

Launched in 2021, the Economic and Investment Plan (EIP) for the Eastern Partnership aims to mobilise up to €17 billion in cooperation with international financial institutions until 2027. Under the EIP for Ukraine, the EU has already mobilised **€3.2 billion** in investments, out of which €625 million in grants.

For instance, the flagship investments help:

- support for Ukrainian SMEs
- strengthen the health system by providing equipment and training for doctors and nurses
- modernise public IT structure



## MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING

The EU and Member States have provided **€25.2 billion** in security related support to Ukraine.

EU Military Assistance Mission for Ukraine helped train close to 32 000 Ukrainian soldiers.

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