

# Ukraine Relief and reconstruction

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The EU stands united in its unwavering support to Ukraine in the face of Russia's unprovoked and unjustified invasion, and cruel and ruthless warfare. The EU has stepped up its political, humanitarian, financial and military support to Ukraine and is imposing massive sanctions against the Kremlin to cripple its war machine.

Since the start of the invasion, the EU has mobilised €4.1 billion in macro-financial assistance, budget support, emergency assistance, crisis response and humanitarian aid to support Ukraine. €1.5 billion in military assistance under the European Peace Facility to support Ukrainian Armed Forces to defend their population and territorial integrity have also been provided.

The EU and its Member States will work with the International and European financial institutions and international organisations, as well as like-minded partners to continue providing relief to help Ukraine meet urgent financing needs and keep basic services going and once peace returns to rebuild a free and democratic Ukraine.

### Continued relief and future support to the reconstruction

The Commission envisages to propose in 2022 a new exceptional macrofinancial assistance of up to €9 billion in the form of loans, to be complemented by support from other bilateral and multilateral international partners. Once peace returns, the EU and its Member States stand ready to support the reconstruction of a democratic Ukraine as part of wider international effort in coordination with partner countries, international organizations and financial institutions.



# Stategic Reconstruction Plan **RebuildUkraine**



### **Rebuild Ukraine Facility**

A **Rebuild Ukraine Facility** with budget from the EU and Member Sates contributions is proposed to support the reconstruction. It will combine grants and loans. Investments will go hand in hand with reforms, in line with Ukraine's European path. Special focus will be given to the rule of law and the fight against corruption. Rebuilding a free and democratic Ukraine will requiere hundreds of billions of euros. Ukraine will be the ultimate owner of the reconstruction. Four major pillars of reconstruction are envisaged:

- Rebuild Infrastructure, health services, housing, schools, as well as digital and energy resilience, in line with European policies and standards.
- Continue modernising the state and its institutions to ensure good governance and respect for the rule of law, by providing administrative capacity and technical support, including at regional and local level.
- Implement structural reforms with the aim of deepening the Ukraine economic and societal integration of Ukraine and its people in the EU, in line with its European path.
- Support the sustainable and inclusive economic recovery of Ukraine by promoting competitiveness, trade and private sector, while contributing to the green and digital transition in Ukraine.



**E10.1 billion** in pledges were raised in support of Ukraine's population, both displaced and those forced to leave the country, in the Stand up for Ukraine event on 9 April, organised by the European Commission and Canada, in partnership with international advocacy organisation Global Citizen.

This includes €1 billion pledged by the European Commission, of which €600 million will support internally displaced people in Ukraine and €400 million for Ukrainian refugees in frontline Member States.

In addition, on 5 May, the Commission announced a **new aid package of €200 million to support displaced people in Ukraine**, in the context of the High-level International Donor's Conference convened jointly by Poland and Sweden.

# EU has mobilised significant funding so far to support Ukraine against Russia's war of aggression

The EU is accelerating the delivery of the emergency financial assistance package to Ukraine announced by President von der Leyen at the end of January to support the functioning of the Ukrainian government through the provision of cash injections for basic expenditures.



## €600 million of the €1.2 billion

in macro-financial assistance already disbursed.

### €120 million

in budget support to strengthen Ukraine's state-building and resilience efforts disbursed on 8 April.



The Commission has proposed to suspend for one year import duties on all Ukrainian exports to the EU as well as to establish 'Solidarity Lanes' to help Ukraine export its grain and import goods needed such as animal feed and fertilisers.

The EU is reorienting ongoing programmes and projects worth up to €200 million to best address urgent needs on the ground.

This includes:

Up to

### €6.6 million

to support the agriculture sector in the current context of food price hikes due to disruptions in the market provoked by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, a top wheat exporter to many countries worldwide.

Another

#### €15 million

will be made available for food, water, basic essentials, electricity generators through direct grants to NGOs on the ground in Ukraine.

The EU is increasing its immediate support to strengthen Ukraine's **cyber resilience** with €10 million for equipment, software and other related support and a further €15 million from the Emergency support package.

Emergency funding to media outlets and journalists is provided either directly to outlets or channelled through our networks in the field, civil society organizations and trusted partners like the European Endowment for Democracy (EED), including for psychological support, helmets and other protective equipment, as well as salaries. €7 million worth of support is already being delivered. In addition, at least €15 million will be made available from Emergency support package.

In the energy sector, Ukraine's electricity grid was synchronised to the EU.

The EU will continue to support Ukraine in the energy sector, by ensuring the reverse flows of gas to the country. Ukraine will also be able to benefit from EU common purchase of gas, LNG and hydrogen.





In military assistance under the European Peace Facility to help Ukraine's armed forces defend its population and territorial integrity, the mobilisation of an additional €500 million proposed by High Representative/Vice President Borrell under way.

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