

EU Restrictive Measures



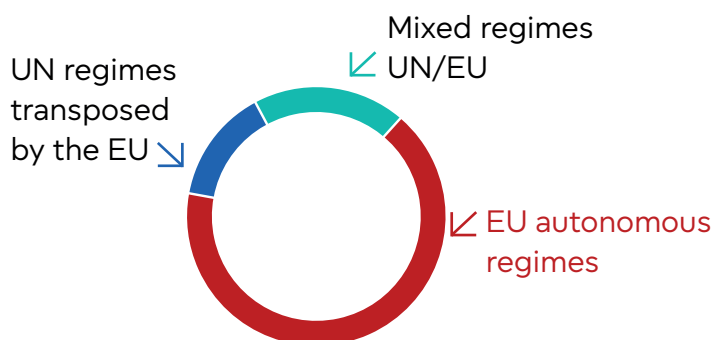
A foreign policy instrument to protect peace, security, and values

EU Sanctions are designed to change behaviour, deter violations and uphold international law, in line with the UN Charter.

≈ **7,800+**
individuals and
entities listed

80+
nationalities

48 sanctions regimes in place



28 geographical regimes



4 thematic regimes



Why autonomous?

When the UN Security Council is unable to act, the EU takes its responsibility to act autonomously

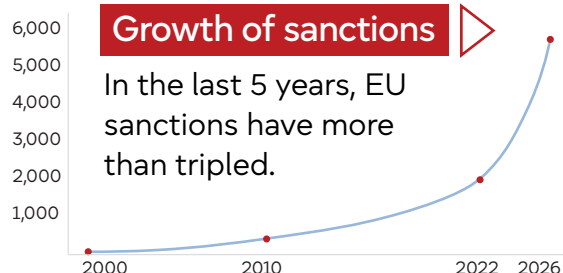
Key principles?

Targeted, temporary, and proportionate measures subject to judicial review

What do they include?

Travel bans, asset freezes, and restrictions on transactions, trade, and other sectors

Growth of sanctions



Humanitarian safeguards

EU restrictive measures allow for the delivery of food, fertilisers, medical supplies or emergency items.

Different crises, tailored responses

Lifting sanctions to support transition

Syria sanctions were eased in 2025 to aid reconstruction, keeping measures on Assad, accomplices, and security grounds.

Accountability & Human Rights

Sanctions target actors responsible for atrocities, human rights violations and actions undermining political transition.

≈ 200 listings

Non proliferation of nuclear weapons

Sanctions against DPR of Korea target nuclear and ballistic missile programmes and address military support to Russia.

≈ 320 listings

Defend democracy worldwide

Sanctions address threats to democracy, elections, and rule of law.

Guatemala: 9 listings

Venezuela: 69 listings

Countering terrorism & cyberthreats

Sanctions target acts of terrorism and cybercrime

Terrorism: 400+ listings

Cyber: ≈ 40+ listings

Russia



The EU's most far-reaching sanctions response aimed at weakening Russia's ability to sustain its war of aggression against Ukraine.

Since 2014, the EU has adopted its most extensive sanctions response to date.

4,500+

individuals and entities under asset freeze

Where pressure is applied:

War financing, energy revenues and oil exports

Restrictions on energy revenues and oil exports

670+ Shadow fleet vessels and
≈ 100 enablers

160+ Financial institutions
and crypto-providers

War enabling networks and supply chains

≈ 1,300 Entities tied to Russia's
defence industry

≈ 970 Companies subject
to export controls

War crimes and destabilisation

Linked to atrocities, child deportations and hybrid threats

200+ Ukrainian children and Bucha atrocities-related listings

90+ Individuals / entities for hybrid threats / malicious behaviour / war propaganda

Backers of Russia's War Effort

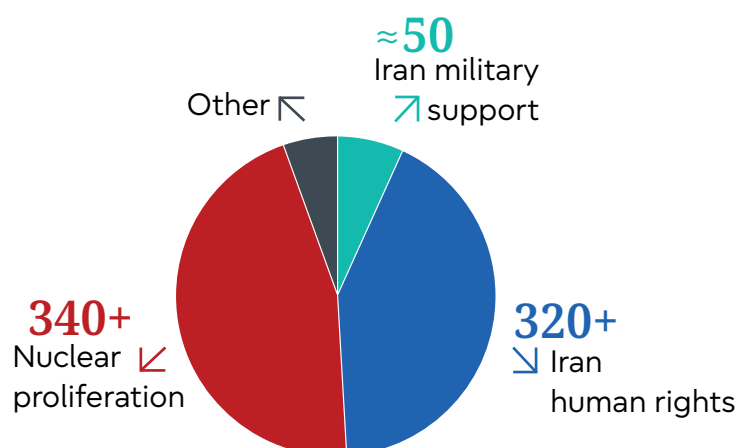
Hundreds of actors across the globe sanctioned by the EU for supporting Russia's war.

Iran | Internal repression and external threats

EU sanctions on Iran address systemic human rights violations, nuclear risks, and military support activities.

760+

Individuals and entities listed



Latest developments in 2026

IRGC listed under EU counterterrorism regime
Sanctions on freedom of navigation in the Strait of Hormuz

Who is targeted

Security forces	Companies linked to censorship, drones, and missiles
Officials	
Prosecutors	