EUROPEAN UNION

# Ukraine: The EU at the Forefront

## $300 billion and counting in support of Ukraine

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The European Union is Ukraine's **largest and most consistent partner**, surpassing the **$300 billion mark** in total support from the EU and member states. **We are in this fight to the finish - with an eye to the future.** Ukraine's future in the EU is the best guarantee of security and long-term democratic stability.

**$300 billion**

**In overall support to Ukraine and Ukrainians**

In June 2026, the EU and Ukraine formally opened negotiations on Ukraine's path toward EU membership — a **major step in anchoring Ukraine's future firmly in Europe**. The decision recognizes the significant progress Ukraine has made despite Russia's war and its continued commitment to democratic and European integration. The EU will continue to support Ukraine as it advances toward membership.

## EU SUPPORT IN ACTION

**4,500+**
individuals and entities sanctioned for helping Russia's war of aggression

**11,600 GENERATORS**
and more in energy security as Russia weaponizes winter against Ukrainians

**$100+ BILLION**
EU military and defense support exceeds 100 billion dollars

**4 MILLION+ PEOPLE**
Refugees have access to work, accommodation, healthcare, and education for kids

## UKRAINE'S DEFENSE IS EUROPE'S FIRST LINE OF SECURITY

- The EU and its member states are Ukraine's **largest providers of military assistance, training, and defense-industrial support.**
- $67 billion of the latest EU loan has been allocated specifically to defense procurement, the first $7 billion of which was for drones.
- **100,000** Ukrainian troops trained and **7,000 veterans** supported.

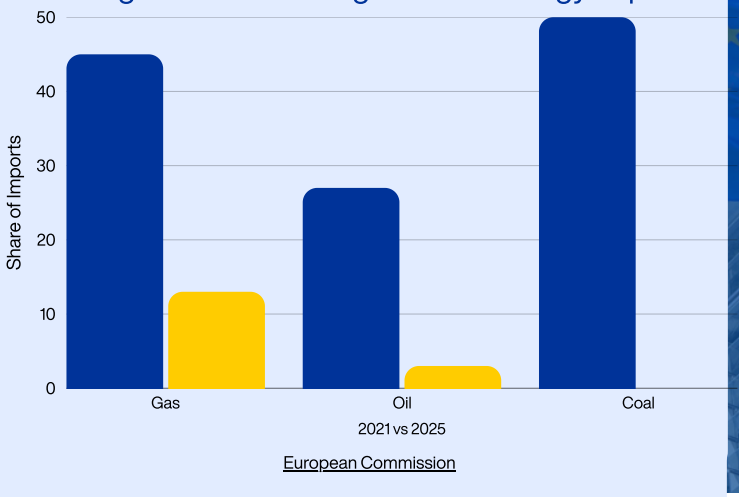


**This is not a temporary response. EU investment in Ukraine is here to stay.**

**Since 2022, imports of oil and petroleum products from Russia decreased by 89.6% across the European Union. This decrease was compensated in part by**

**increased imports from the United States.**

## Walking the Walk: Ending Russian Energy Imports




Russian gas dropped from 45% to 13%, oil imports dropped from 27% to below 3%, and coal imports decreased from 50% to 0%.

### The War in Ukraine and the EU's Transformation

Europe is moving to speed up, ramp up and scale up—all at once. Defense investment, capabilities and readiness are rising across the continent:

- $484 billion — EU Member States' defense expenditure in 2025, its 11th consecutive year of growth.
- $526 billion — estimated defense expenditure in 2026.
- 75.3% increase — growth in defense expenditure between 2021 and 2026.
- Up to $1 trillion — mobilized through the EU's "ReArm Europe" / Readiness 2030 initiative by 2030.

**What happens to Ukraine's food supply does not stay in Ukraine. Ukraine is the breadbasket of the world, and Russia's blockade of Ukrainian ports and attacks on grain infrastructure have threatened food supplies and increased pressure on global food markets. The EU created Solidarity Lanes to keep Ukrainian agricultural exports moving to countries around the world: since May 2022, they have enabled 96 million tons of grain, oilseeds and related products to reach global markets.**

## FROM AID TO PARTNERSHIP: THE EU-UKRAINE RELATIONSHIP

- The EU and Ukraine are building a long-term defense partnership based on joint production and innovation, not just aid. European and Ukrainian companies are working together to scale up drones and counter-drone systems, develop next-generation military technologies and strengthen Ukraine's air defenses — combining Europe's industrial capacity with Ukraine's battle-tested expertise in drones and AI.
- EU–Ukraine Defense Industrial Partnership: A long-term framework for European and Ukrainian companies to jointly expand defense production, including drones, counter-drone systems and eventually anti-ballistic missiles, giving industry greater certainty to invest and scale up.
- EU–Ukraine Drone Deal: A partnership supporting joint ventures between European and Ukrainian companies to develop and produce next-generation drones and counter-drone systems.



## BRINGING HOME UKRAINIAN CHILDREN: U.S. AND EU ALIGNMENT

The EU is working alongside international partners including the U.S. on the safe return of more than 20,500 children who have been unlawfully deported and forcibly transferred to Russia.

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