



THE EUROPEAN UNION AND UKRAINE

#StrongerTogether

The EU remains steadfast in its commitment to Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity. The EU strongly condemns the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol by the Russian Federation and continues to condemn this violation of international law.



INSTITUTIONS

- The U-LEAD with Europe programme EU aims at improving the transparency and accountability of local and regional authorities, as well as their capacity to offer better services, with an overall envelope of €158 million for the period 2016-2023. .

GREEN

- Security of energy supply is a key area, which the EU continues to support. European Commission facilitated 2019 agreement on gas transit framework through Ukraine until 2024, which is based on EU rules and contributes to the security of supply. The EU contributes substantially to the Ukrainian Energy Efficiency Fund and supports raising public awareness for energy efficiency investments. The EU and Ukraine have launched a dedicated dialogue on European Green Deal and Ukraine's Green Transition. A strategic partnership on raw materials and batteries has been launched.

COVID-19 RESPONSE



The EU reacted fast and responded to the urgent needs of countries in the Eastern Partnership during the COVID-19 pandemic. As part of Team Europe, the EU has mobilised an ambitious support package totalling over €980 million to help tackle immediate needs, support the health sector and facilitate the social and economic recovery of the six countries. Ukraine has received EU support through the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM) in response to COVID-19 over the course of the pandemic. This included over 3 million vaccines, over 36 million items of personal protective equipment, 3 ambulances, other critical medical equipment and knowledge transfer. Since August 2021, digital COVID-19 certificates are mutually recognised between the EU and Ukraine.

Ukraine is a priority partner for the European Union. The EU supports Ukraine in ensuring a stable, prosperous and democratic future for its citizens. The **Association Agreement (AA)**, including its **Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA)**, is the main tool for bringing Ukraine and the EU closer together, promoting deeper political ties, stronger economic links and respect for common values. Since 2014, Ukraine has embarked on an **ambitious reform programme** to accelerate economic growth and improve the livelihoods of its citizens. Since 2014, the EU and the Financial Institutions have mobilised more than €17 billion in grants and loans to support reforms, while applying conditionality dependent on their progress.



Visa-free travel for Ukrainian citizens with biometric passports entered into force in June 2017.

The DCFTA has supported the continuous increase of bilateral trade between the EU and Ukraine. The EU has reinforced its position as Ukraine's number one trading partner, accounting for close to 40% of Ukraine's total international trade.



ECONOMIC & INVESTMENT PLAN

The EU supports Ukraine with concrete investments to help post-pandemic recovery, improve the lives of Ukrainian citizens, and foster economic growth and job creation. In the coming years, the EU will invest in the following **five flagship projects**:



Sustainable, innovative and competitive economy – direct support to 100 000 SMEs

Economic transition for rural areas – assistance to more than 10,000 small farms



Improving connectivity by upgrading border crossing points

Boosting the digital transformation – modernising public IT infrastructure



Increasing energy efficiency and support for renewable hydrogen

ECONOMY

- The DCFTA is a major milestone in bilateral trade offering new economic opportunities to both sides. The AA triggers the reform of Ukraine's legal framework, aiming to align it with that of the EU. These reforms will improve the overall business climate in Ukraine, including by curbing corruption.



SOCIETY

- Since 2015, more than 11,500 Ukrainian and nearly 5,500 European students and academic staff benefitted from higher education exchange opportunities through the Erasmus+ programme. Ukraine has participated in 48 Erasmus+ Capacity building for higher education projects.



DIGITAL

- The EU has also allocated €25 million to support digital transformation in Ukraine, including e-governance, cybersecurity and implementation of the EU acquis in the area of telecommunications as foreseen in the DCFTA.

RECOVERY RESILIENCE REFORM

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