



# Ukraine Solidarity Day: Securing EU's long-term support for Ukraine

23 February 2026

14:00 - 15:30 CET

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The fourth anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine comes at a moment of profound uncertainty. While there are tentative signs of possible negotiations, the past months have also brought some of the most brutal Russian attacks on Kyiv and other cities. Yet, despite this pending moment, EU leaders have approved a new €90 billion joint loan package to help cover Ukraine's financing needs in 2026–2027, not without significant debate among member states on the best way to finance it.

Europe must reaffirm their support for Ukraine's struggle, not only in military terms, but also across the socio-economic sphere. This commitment must be long-term, consistent, and firmly anchored in support for Ukraine's accession to the European Union, while being shielded from the shifting winds of far-right governments. At the same time, Europe must continue to set the conditions for a reconstruction process that addresses systemic societal vulnerabilities and promotes sustainable economic prosperity alongside an inclusive, resilient Ukrainian democracy.

In 2023, FEPS, in collaboration with other partners, published the book "Europe and the War in Ukraine: From Russian Aggression to a New Eastern Policy" to trace developments in the war, which are vital to understanding Europe's shifting role. The book examined the main aspects of the war, looking at its causes, consequences, and how EU has been responding to the conflict.

In 2025, considering ongoing developments in Ukraine and Europe's increasing involvement in the conflict, FEPS decided to update and translate the book into Ukrainian and publish it in two volumes. This updated edition reflects not only the war's progression but also Europe's ongoing engagement and Ukraine's resilience.

## Draft Agenda

14:00 - 14:10 ***Opening and welcome remarks***  
**Nicolas Schmit**, President, FEPS

14:10 - 14:15 ***Scene setter***  
**Thijs Reuten**, MEP S&D Group, Member of the AFET Committee

14:15 - 15:20 ***Panel: The four dimensions of European progressive support for Ukraine: financial, security, political & social***



Input by:

**Yuliya Yurchenko**, Senior Lecturer in Political Economy, Centre for Political Economy, Governance, Finance and Accountability (PEGFA; Greenwich Business School), University of Greenwich

**Andriy Korniychuk**, Researcher, European Studies Unit, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences

**Antony Beumer**, Coordinator, PES Contact Group Ukraine & former Secretary-General of the S&D Group

**Olga Pindyuk**, Economist, The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw)

### Guiding questions:

- How can European progressive forces ensure long-term, predictable financial support for Ukraine's reconstruction rather than short-term funding driven by shifting political cycles?
- Beyond immediate military assistance, what does a progressive, long-term European security commitment to Ukraine look like?
- How can progressives translate solidarity with Ukraine into concrete political support for EU accession and democratic reforms?
- How can Ukraine's reconstruction and its path toward EU accession be leveraged to drive lasting social transformation?

Moderated by: **László Andor**, Secretary-General, FEPS

15:20 - 15:30 **Closing remarks**  
**Uwe Optenhögel**, Vice-President, FEPS



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