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Presentation of the "Standing with the Ukrainian People" conference

The Ukrainian people urgently need additional international support.

As winter sets in, Russia's massive campaign of bombardment of Ukrainian energy infrastructure and civilians has left Ukraine on the brink of an unprecedented humanitarian crisis, with acute risks in terms of heating, food security and disease.

The Ukrainian authorities have identified five sectors that require urgent and coordinated support: electricity and energy, water, food supply infrastructure, healthcare and transport infrastructure.

The international "Standing with the Ukrainian People" conference, organized jointly by France and Ukraine in Paris on 13 December 2022 and cochaired by the President of the French Republic and the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky, represented by his Prime Minister

Denys Chmyhal, in the presence of Olena Zelenska, First Lady of Ukraine, of the President of the European Commission Ursula Von der Leyen, and of Catherine Colonna, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, will gather close to 70 high-level participants representing the main states and international organisations partners of Ukraine, in order to provide the immediate support the Ukrainian people need to get through winter.

Above and beyond the tangible contributions that will be announced in Paris, a coordination mechanism will be set up to guarantee in the long-term that the international community addresses the priority needs expressed by the Ukrainians in the electricity and energy, water, food, healthcare and transport sectors.

Programme

07:30

Arrival of heads of delegations

09:30

- Arrival of the President of the French Republic
- Welcome by Ms Catherine Colonna, French Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, in the presence of Mr Denys Shmyhal, Prime Minister of Ukraine.

09:40

 Opening statements by the French President, Mr Emmanuel Macron, and the President of Ukraine, Mr Volodymyr Zelenskyy (remotely), the conference's co-chairs.

- Statement by Mr Denys Shmyhal,
 Prime Minister of Ukraine.
- Statement by Ms Olena Zelenska, First Lady of Ukraine.
- Statement by Ms Ursula von der Leyen,
 President of the European Commission.
- Statement by Mr António Guterres,
 Secretary-General of the United
 Nations (remotely).
- Statements by delegations.

14:15

 Joint press conference by Ms Catherine Colonna, French Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, and Mr Denys Shmyhal, Prime Minister of Ukraine.

Participants

States

Member States of the European Union, Canada, United States, Japan, United Kingdom, Australia, Norway, New Zealand, Switzerland, Turkey, Indonesia, India, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Oman, Bahrain, Iceland, Cambodia.

European institutions

Presidency of the European Council, Presidency of the European Commission, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy.

International organizations:

Secretary-General of the United Nations, World Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF), European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), Asian Development Bank (ADB), Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), International Organization for Migration (IOM).

France's support to Ukraine

Humanitarian aid

€240 million for Ukraine and its neighbours:

- 2,600 tons of aid delivered in almost 40 operations by the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (including the "A Ship for Ukraine" initiative): emergency bridges, search and rescue, electrical supply security of hospitals, emergency shelters and basic necessities for displaced persons and refugees, mine clearance, medical equipment and medicines. 100 generators were sent in November.
- €140 million in 2022 and 2023 via the United Nations and the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (UNHCR, IOM, WFP, OCHA, UNICEF, UNOPS, UNDP, ICRC, IFRC).
- €31.6 million to support the work of humanitarian NGOs.
- 12 medical evacuations for service members (32 wounded) and children (40 children).

Financial aid

- €400 million in loans guaranteed by the Government via the Agence Française de Développement (AFD).
- €1.2 billion in export guarantees to help French companies take part in reconstruction.
- €100 million to the EBRD, which has raised €200 million through guarantees.

Military and security aid

France is Ukraine's fifth-largest supplier and has delivered 100% of aid promised:

- 18 Caesar guns, 2 missile Crotale missile batteries, 2 Multiple Launch Rocket Systems (MLRS), armoured vehicles, defensive missiles, anti-aircraft and anti-tank systems, ammunition and fuel.
- €200 million of loans to acquire French defence equipment.
- Contribution representing almost 20% (€550 million) of the European Peace Facility.
- Training of 2,000 Ukrainian soldiers under European Union Assistance Mission (EUMAM) Ukraine (out of 15,000 in total).

Receiving refugees

- More than 100,000 Ukrainians taken in under the temporary protection system.
- More than 20,000 Ukrainians enrolled in the French education system, and 2,000 students.
- Scholarships programme for intensive French classes financed by the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs with the Campus France agency.

Assistance in fighting impunity

- 2 deployments of forensic doctors and gendarmes to support the Ukrainian justice system.
- Donation of a first mobile
 DNA laboratory and upcoming delivery of a second.
- Secondment of staff to the International Criminal Court (ICC) and an exceptional contribution of €500,000.
- Contribution of €400,000 to the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

EU aid to Ukraine in figures

- €19 billion in support of economic, social and financial resilience (€12.4 billion in European funds and a total of €7.3 billion from EU Member States).
- €3.1 billion in military assistance via the European Peace Facility.
- More than €20 billion to take in refugees in the EU.
- €18 billion in assistance to Ukraine planned for 2023.

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