The EU is the biggest international donor to Ukraine. In total, the EU has already mobilised €6 billion, of a total €11 billion support package.

A Support Group for Ukraine, established by the European Commission, concentrates and coordinates resources and expertise.

Concrete measures for the short and medium term:

- to help stabilise the economic and financial situation in Ukraine
- to assist with the transition
- to encourage political and economic reforms
- to support inclusive development for the benefit of all Ukrainians

EU-UKRAINE ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT

- EU relations with Ukraine governed by an Association Agreement, including a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA)
- Provisional application of important parts of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement as from 1 November 2014, including those on the respect of human rights, fundamental freedoms and the rule of law; political dialogue and reform; justice, freedom and security; economic and financial cooperation

REMOVAL OF CUSTOM DUTIES (TRADE)

- Autonomous trade measures currently granting Ukrainian exporters continued preferential access to EU markets ahead of the entry into force of the DCFTA.
- Temporary removal of customs duties on Ukrainian exports to the EU since April 2014.
- Annual value of this support measure is nearly €500 million in tariff reductions
MACRO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (MFA)

• The European Commission has disbursed €1.61 billion in support of Ukraine under two previous MFA programmes (final tranche of €250 million was paid on 21 April 2015)
• A new MFA programme of up to €1.8 billion has been adopted in April 2015 and will be implemented throughout 2015 until early 2016.

FINANCIAL COOPERATION, GRANTS AND STATE BUILDING

• Commission assistance of €355 million for Ukraine’s State Building Contract (€ 250 million released in June 2014, €105 to be released in 2015)
• Commission assistance of € 10 million for Ukraine’s Civil Society Support Programme (September 2014), of €70 million for private sector development and early economic recovery (2015), €40 million loan under the the Neighbourhood Investment Facility (2015)
• Further agreement in support of Ukraine’s Regional Development Strategy (€55 million)

ENERGY SECURITY AND ENERGY REFORMS

• Commission support for Ukrainian electricity and gas markets reform
• Energy security: “winter package” (October 2014); follow-up packages under negotiation at trilateral level (EU-Ukraine-Russia)
• Energy supply diversification: EU gas deliveries from Slovakia, Poland, Hungary

FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION

• Commission expertise to support Ukraine with the setting-up of a national anti-fraud/anti-corruption authority (ongoing)

FACILITATING MOBILITY

• Bilateral Visa Facilitation Agreement (Schengen multiple-entry visa, February 2014)
• Further visa liberalisation process, covered by the Visa Liberalisation Action Plan (ongoing)
• Ukraine-EU Mobility Partnership improving migration management and people mobility (planned)

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