



Commission takes preparatory steps on financial support for Ukraine and boosting drone production

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Today, the European Commission took preparatory steps for the implementation of the [€90 billion Ukraine Support Loan](#), aimed at securing necessary budgetary support and accelerating urgent defence procurement for Ukraine in 2026 and 2027. The package adopted today includes a proposal for the Council to approve the overall amount of the EU's support to Ukraine for 2026 and a decision validating the use of procurement derogations for the first defence product schedule under the Loan, which will focus on drones.

European Commission President **von der Leyen** said: *"We will deliver on the €90 billion loan to Ukraine. Today, we are taking the necessary preparatory steps to mobilise this year's budget and procure defence equipment, with a focus on Ukraine's cutting-edge drone industry. With this we send a clear message: the Commission stands ready to move forward. As we mark four years since the Bucha massacre, we remain fully and firmly behind the brave people of Ukraine and their fight for freedom."*

Commission proposes to mobilise €45 billion in support for Ukraine in 2026

Following the Commission's positive assessment of the Ukrainian Financing Strategy submitted by Ukraine on 24 March 2026, the proposal for a Council implementing decision adopted today sets out the provision of **€45 billion to Ukraine** by 31 December 2026. The remaining part of the €90 billion Loan is foreseen for next year. Following adoption of the available financial assistance by the Council, the Commission will proceed as soon as possible with the first disbursement to Ukraine. This comes in addition to contributions from international donors and takes into account Ukraine's external financing gap and defence needs. This proposal also defines the split between defence procurement and budget support: budget support will reach up to €16.7 billion, split equally between the [Ukraine Facility](#) and [Macro-Financial Assistance](#), while support to Ukraine's defence industrial capacities will amount to €28.3 billion. The budgetary support will be underpinned with strong conditions related to the rule of law, fight against corruption, economic resilience and sustainability, with the first part set to be delivered through the Macro-Financial Assistance.

Commission allows for the use of derogations for the procurement of drones

As a country at war, Ukraine's capacity to defend its territory depends on the rapid availability of critical products in the required quantities and within very short timeframes. The Commission has therefore also adopted today a decision allowing Ukraine to use derogations for the procurement of drones. This will support the preparations for the first urgent defence procurements under the instrument and will be followed by additional product schedules on other defence products, including missiles and ammunition, in the coming months.

Next steps

The Commission's proposal for a Council Implementing Decision for approving assistance to Ukraine for 2026 will now be submitted to the Council for adoption. Based on this proposal, Member States will decide on the allocation of support under the Ukraine Support Loan for 2026, including through the Ukraine Facility, Macro-Financial Assistance and defence procurement.

Once the Council has adopted the legal basis authorising the Commission to start borrowing on the markets, the remaining legal and operational arrangements required to enable the first disbursements and launch procurements will be finalised by the Commission, Ukraine and Member States.

As with other EU financial support to Ukraine, the instrument will be accompanied by strong safeguards and conditionality, including on the rule of law, anti-corruption and the protection of the

Union's financial interests.

Background

Since the start of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, the EU and its Member States have provided €195 billion in overall support to Ukraine, including €3.7 billion from the proceeds of immobilised Russian assets - more than any other partners.

The Ukraine Support Loan covers two thirds of Ukraine's overall financing needs for 2026 and 2027, according to assessments by the [International Monetary Fund](#). Continued and coordinated support from international partners therefore remains essential, including timely delivery on commitments by the G7 for 2026 and beyond, including under the [G7-led ERA loans initiative](#).

For more information

[Proposal for a Council Implementing Decision approving assistance to Ukraine in implementing the Ukrainian Financing Strategy](#)

[Commission Implementing Decision validating the use of derogations for drones in Ukraine](#)

[Commission presents a financial support package for Ukraine for 2026–2027](#)

[Regulation \(EU\) 2026/467 implementing enhanced cooperation on the establishment of the Ukraine Support Loan for 2026 and 2027](#)

[Regulation \(EU\) 2026/468 amending Regulation \(EU\) 2024/792 establishing the Ukraine Facility](#)

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Quote(s):

"We will deliver on the €90 billion loan to Ukraine. Today, we are taking the necessary preparatory steps to mobilise this year's budget and procure defence equipment, with a focus on Ukraine's cutting-edge drone industry. With this we send a clear message: the Commission stands ready to move forward. As we mark four years since the Bucha massacre, we remain fully and firmly behind the brave people of Ukraine and their fight for freedom."
Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission

"Ukraine continues to face an urgent need for sustainable and predictable funding to ensure the Government can function and provide basic services to its citizens, as well as to procure the necessary military capabilities to defend its people and its sovereignty. Today's decisions mark a significant milestone in operationalising the EU's security commitments. Ukraine must be in a position of strength - on the Battlefield and at the negotiating table. This is a top priority for Europe's security."
Henna Virkkunen, Executive Vice-President for Tech Sovereignty, Security and Democracy

"The EU continues to deliver support for Ukraine. Today, we take another step towards implementing the Ukraine Support Loan with a positive assessment of the Ukrainian Financing Strategy. We now propose to provide €45 billion of the €90 billion foreseen under the Ukraine Support Loan in 2026 to bolster financial stability and strengthen defences. This is a clear demonstration of the EU's solidarity with the Ukrainian people, support for their efforts to be part of the EU and unwavering commitment to securing a just and lasting peace. Ukraine's fight has become Europe's fight, and we will stand with Ukraine for as long as it takes."
Valdis Dombrovskis, Commissioner for Economy and Productivity; Implementation and Simplification

"We are committed to giving Ukraine the necessary tools to defend itself. Funding of up to €28.3 billion will be unlocked still this year to support Ukraine's defence needs, support Ukrainian and European industrial capacities for this purpose. We are also enabling derogation from eligibility rules to meet immediate needs of Ukraine in the battlefield. Ukraine's security remains a top priority for Europe and our goal is to ensure it has what it needs to sustain its defence efforts."
Andrius Kubilius, Commissioner for Defence and Space

"Strengthening Ukraine's public finances and providing clarity on how money is going to be delivered helps Ukraine in its war efforts. It also gives strong incentives to implement the necessary reforms related to Ukraine's path to EU accession, including on rule of law and anti-corruption."
Marta Kos, Commissioner for Enlargement

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