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Council reinforces restrictive measures against the Belorussian regime

Against the background of the further deterioration of the situation in Belarus, the Council today strengthened restrictive measures against those responsible for the crackdown on civil society in that country.

The Council added 21 persons responsible for the repression of civil society and the democratic opposition in Belarus to the list of those targeted by a travel ban and an asset freeze.

Today's decisions come in addition to already existing measures: more than 200 individuals are already subject to a travel ban and a freeze of their assets within the EU. Moreover, the assets of three companies linked to the regime remain frozen while exports to Belarus of arms and material for internal repression are prohibited.

The legal acts, including the list of additional designations, will be published in the Official Journal of 29 February.

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