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## **EU strengthens sanctions over situation in Eastern Ukraine**

In view of the gravity of the situation in Eastern Ukraine, the Council has today expanded the list of persons subject to targeted sanctions for actions undermining Ukraine's territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence.

Another 11 persons responsible for and supporting such activities in Eastern Ukraine will be targeted with a travel ban and a freeze of their assets within the EU. This brings the number of individuals subject to sanctions in connection with Ukraine's territorial integrity to 72. At the same time, two confiscated entities in Crimea and Sevastopol remain under asset freeze.

The Council continues to closely monitor and assess the situation in Eastern Ukraine.

The legal texts with the list of persons concerned will be published tomorrow in the EU Official Journal and will enter into force at the same time.

Today's decision was adopted by written procedure.

More information:

[European Council conclusions](#) (paragraphs 29 - 33)

[Fact sheet EU - Ukraine relations](#)

[Fact sheet on EU restrictive measures](#)

[EU Official Journal](#)