



EU-Ukraine Summit **Kyiv, 12-13 July 2017**

The 19th bilateral summit between the European Union and Ukraine will take place on 12-13 July in Kyiv. At the summit, leaders will welcome the completion of the ratification of the Association Agreement, (including its Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (AA/DCFTA)) and the recent entry into force of the visa liberalisation for Ukrainian citizens, both concrete deliverables and fundamental steps in the process of deepening EU-Ukraine partnership.

The EU will be represented by Donald Tusk, President of the European Council, and by Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission. Ukraine will be represented by President Petro Poroshenko. The High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the Commission Federica Mogherini, Vice-President Valdis Dombrovskis and Commissioners Johannes Hahn and Cecilia Malmström will also participate at the Summit.

The summit will be an opportunity to reaffirm the strong partnership between the EU and Ukraine and discuss progress on, and the EU's support for, the Ukrainian reform agenda. The leaders will also discuss crisis and conflict-related matters as well as regional and foreign policy issues, such as relations with Russia, energy security and the preparations of the 2017 Eastern Partnership Summit, to be held in Brussels in November.

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Media programme

12 July 2017

19:30 - Working dinner with Petro Poroshenko, President of Ukraine

13 July 2017

10.45 - Arrival of the EU delegation at the Presidential Administration

11.00 - Plenary session of the 19th EU-Ukraine Summit

12.30 - Joint press conference (Presidents Tusk, Juncker and Poroshenko)

13.00 - Working lunch

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Implementation of Ukraine-EU Association Agreement / DCFTA

Leaders should welcome the positive effects of the provisional application of the AA/DCFTA since January 2016. The DCFTA agreement has had a positive economic impact, firmly establishing the EU as Ukraine's main trading partner and increasing trade in goods between the EU and Ukraine by almost 30% in Q1 2017 compared to Q1 2016.

Leaders are also expected to welcome the recent agreement on temporary autonomous trade measures in favour of Ukraine. Leaders will discuss further ways to improve the implementation of the Association Agreement and to increase its awareness in Ukraine and in the EU.

[EU-Ukraine trade \(European Commission\)](#)

[Ukraine: Council confirms political agreement on temporary trade preferences for Ukraine](#)

Reform agenda

The EU has welcomed the intense and unprecedented reforms undertaken by Ukraine under severe security challenges. EU leaders will call Ukraine to continue the implementation of its ambitious reform agenda, especially in the fight against corruption.

Leaders will also highlight the concrete results achieved with EU support programmes and welcome the disbursement in April 2017 of the second tranche of €600 million of EU macro-financial assistance. They will stress on the importance of implementing all the policy measures attached to the third tranche of the programme by the end of the year.

They will also discuss priorities for EU assistance in 2017, which include support to public finance management, eastern Ukraine regions and energy efficiency, and technical assistance in support of key reforms and the implementation of the Association Agreement.

Crisis and conflict

The summit will reaffirm the EU's support for Ukraine's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity. Leaders will take stock of the implementation of the Minsk Agreements, the situation in eastern Ukraine and recall their full support to the diplomatic efforts undertaken within the framework of the Normandy format and the Trilateral Contact Group. While implementation by all sides is crucial, leaders are expected to stress the specific responsibility of Russia in this regard. In absence of progress, EU leaders decided, at the June European Council, to approve the prolongation of economic sanctions targeting specific sectors of the Russian economy.

Leaders will also discuss the humanitarian situation in eastern Ukraine. Leaders are likely to condemn the deteriorating human rights situation in non-government controlled areas of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions, as well as in Crimea and Sevastopol. The EU will reconfirm its commitment to fully implementing its non-recognition policy, including through restrictive measures.

Finally, leaders will condemn the continued forced restrictions on the work of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission (SMM) to Ukraine. The EU will reconfirm its support to the SMM and its intention to play an important role in the reconstructions efforts that will be needed once the situation on the ground allows.