

R1 FYEG stands in full solidarity with Ukraine for as long as necessary

Proposer: FYEG EC
Agenda item: 6. Resolutions

Motion text

FYEG stands in full solidarity with Ukraine for as long as necessary

FYEG reaffirms its full solidarity with Ukraine in its struggle against Russian imperialism. More than ten years after the initial Russian invasion of Ukraine and annexation of Crimea, Donbas, and Luhansk, more than two years after Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, the situation is alarming. On the battlefield, the war seems to have settled into an attritional phase. Russia regularly strikes civilian targets, such as its recent attack on Ukraine's largest children's hospital.

The recent European elections saw gains for far-right parties, many of which have close ties to Russia and are against supporting Ukraine. Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán is utilising his veto to blackmail the EU into major concessions when it comes to passing aid for Ukraine, while he and many other far-right figures are openly repeating Putin's narrative of the war. In the US, there is a realistic chance of the re-election of Donald Trump which puts future aid to Ukraine in question.

FYEG notes with worry that in some parts of Europe, 'Ukraine fatigue' has started to set in. Atrocities committed in Ukraine rarely make the headlines. The actions of many European governments suggest that they have not grasped the terrible consequences a Ukrainian defeat would have not just for Ukraine, but also for the rest of Europe. In fact, some European countries have gotten more reliant on Russian fossil fuels than they were before the full-scale invasion. Europe needs an integrated, decentralised, fossil fuel-free energy grid to stop financing the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

The Kremlin's objective is to destroy Ukraine as a sovereign state. Putin has turned Russia into a more and more militarised country and is apparently preparing for a long war. From the fall of 2024 onwards, military training will be compulsory for children aged 15 and up, and voluntary for children aged 12

and up. In Russian schools, curricula are increasingly focused on indoctrinating children. The Kremlin has turned the Russian economy into a war economy which is financed by energy, primarily fossil fuel earnings. The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) estimated that in 2024, Russian military spending of various kinds would make up 35 percent of Russia's federal budget, or 7.1% of GDP.

The Russian destruction of the Nova Kakhovka Dam, the large-scale pollution of Ukrainian water bodies with fossil fuels, and chemicals, and the large-scale destruction of natural habitats are breaking international law and are classifiable as ecocide. At the same time, Russia is threatening the Ukrainian nuclear power plants and has refused to withdraw from their positions in the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant, thus threatening not only Ukrainian civilians but also European security.

If Russia manages to defeat and successfully occupy all or most of Ukraine, the highly militarised country would pose a vastly increased threat also to the rest of Europe. As far back as 1994, Putin has talked of land beyond Russia's border as land "that historically always belonged to Russia". In 2023, the former Russian president and current deputy chair of the Russian Security Council, Dmitri Medvedev, threatened "the death of Polish statehood in its entirety". It is Ukraine that is standing between Russia and the rest of Europe. Supporting Ukraine is therefore not only a moral imperative, it is also in the self-interest of the rest of Europe.

FYEG calls on European governments and the European Union to take decisive action to continue supporting Ukraine with humanitarian, financial, and military aid. To that end, FYEG supports the seizing of frozen Russian state assets as well as assets of the Russian and Belarusian elite. With the decreasing public support for the US military protection in Europe, we can no longer rely on the US for military support. Therefore, FYEG supports better military cooperation amongst EU member states and with neighbouring countries.

FYEG demands the abolition of the veto power of singular states when it comes to sanction and aid packages to ensure that Ukraine receives the desperately needed aid.

FYEG demands swift integration of Ukraine and Moldova into the EU, which will reinforce regional stability and unity.

FYEG welcomes the Peace Summit that was held in June in Switzerland, which aimed to chart a course for a just and lasting peace in Ukraine based on the principles of the UN Charter and Ukraine's own 'Formula for Peace'. Peace talks must be held on Ukrainian terms and in full respect of Ukrainian sovereignty.

67 After the war, Europe must support the reconstruction of Ukraine. We stand for a
68 reconstruction plan based on aid and not on loans, that puts at the centre of
69 its action the wellbeing of the citizens and not the profit of big corporations.
70 In the context of the reconstruction of Ukraine, we call on the OSCE to
71 coordinate the renewal and assessment of security treaties, especially regarding
72 the control of weapons (conventional and nuclear), cybersecurity, and security
73 of maritime and air routes.

74 Finally, we call for full solidarity with Ukrainian refugees. Approximately 6.5
75 million people have fled Ukraine. While initial reactions have been positive and
76 European countries have shown themselves to be welcoming, we now start to see
77 what we have seen time and time before: Ukrainian refugees are villainized and
78 used as scapegoats by politicians, such as German CDU leader Friedrich Merz who
79 accused Ukrainian refugees of 'social tourism'. As FYEG, we stand unequivocally
80 with every displaced person. We call on Europe to provide Ukrainian refugees
81 with all the resources they need for their well-being and eventual support after
82 Ukraine wins.

Reason

The FYEG EC builds upon the FYEG resolutions on Ukraine that were passed in 2022 and 2023 GA. The EC wishes to update our position on Ukraine with the newest political updates and to maintain our full support for the Ukrainian resistance to the Russian full-scale invasion of Ukraine. This resolution draft was checked with the Green Youth of Ukraine.