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To keep you in the big picture

A very special summit

It was apparent that the **European Council of 9 February** would look quite different. The participation of **President Zelenskyy** in person and the agenda items tabled this time meant changes that were hard to miss. Given the special nature of the summit, our first headline calls for more details which we gladly bring to you. Without further delay: the one-day European Council saw the adoption of a number of conclusions on Ukraine, the economy, migration, the earthquake in Türkiye and Syria and other items. Here are some of the highlights from the conclusions:

On **Ukraine**:

- To further raise the cost to Russia, a **price cap on petroleum** products has been adopted;
- The European Council fully supports...the establishment of an appropriate mechanism for the prosecution of the crime of aggression ... and underlines its support for the **investigations by the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court** as well as for the creation, in The Hague, of an international centre for the prosecution of the crime of aggression against Ukraine;
- The European Union acknowledges Ukraine's determination to meet the requirements to **start accession negotiations as soon as possible**
- The European Union will continue to provide strong **political, economic, military, financial and humanitarian support** to Ukraine for as long as it takes;
- The European Union has approved a seventh tranche of **EUR 500 million in military support** to Ukraine under the European Peace Facility and launched the EU Military Assistance Mission to train an initial 30 000 soldiers in 2023;
- The European Union, together with partners, is stepping up its work towards the **use of Russia's frozen and immobilised assets to support Ukraine's reconstruction** and for the purposes of reparation, in accordance with EU and international law.

On the **economy**:

- **State aid policy**: procedures need to be made **simpler and more predictable**;
- The European Council takes note of the Commission's intention to propose a **European Sovereignty Fund** before summer 2023 to support investment in strategic sectors.

On **migration**:

- The European Council calls on the Commission to **fund measures by Member States that directly contribute to the control of the EU external borders**, such as the border management pilot projects, as well as to the enhancement of the border control in key countries on transit routes to the European Union;
- The European Council calls on the Commission to immediately **mobilise substantial EU funds and means to support Member States in reinforcing border protection capabilities and infrastructure**, means of surveillance, including aerial surveillance, and equipment. In this context, the European Council invites the Commission to quickly finalise the European Integrated Border Management Strategy.

Help where it is needed

Following the disastrous earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria earlier this week, the European Union will provide additional emergency support to both countries through the **EU Civil Protection Mechanism** and emergency humanitarian assistance worth **€6.5 million**. This is one of the EU's largest ever search and rescue operations through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism. A press release is available [online](#).

We handpicked for you

Have your say

Last week, the Commission launched the **public consultation on the future of learning mobility** in view of its policy proposal later this year. The EU and its Member States are committed to promoting cross-border learning mobility in the [European Education Area](#) for all learners, educators and staff. Especially organisations sending and receiving participants in mobility activities, including employers, are welcome to share their feedback. Inputs from decision-makers, stakeholder organisations and researchers are also very valuable. The call will be open for 12 weeks. Find out more on [Have your Say portal](#).

Might wish to share among your networks

Keep your eyes open

The colleagues from DG Justice are reaching out to you with a request to help young people, aged 18-30, to **offer victims of crime help and support**. The campaign is based on the simple yet powerful key message and promise: **“I will keep my eyes open”**. The idea behind is that often victims of violence can feel powerless, abandoned, alone, and not seen. Without enough support from others and the lack of knowledge about their rights, it is hard for them to take necessary action: to find help within a specialized victim support organisation or to report a crime. The message will be promoted on a series of channels and during various activities in 10 focus countries: BE, BG, CZ, HU, HR, ET, LV, PL, RO, and SK. Check out the [toolkit](#), designed to help entities support the campaign. For more information, tune in [here](#).

Learn about other EU networks and find synergies!

Today's network in highlight → [The National Academic Recognition Information Centres \(NARIC\)](#)

Scope → NARICs aim to facilitate the access to accurate information on education systems and qualifications for EU and non-EU nationals. Their competencies vary according to national legislation. Some issue only recognition advice/recommendations while others provide legally-binding recognition decisions. They are crucial for checking that a qualification is genuine and at the correct level. NARICs are supported by the Erasmus+ programme.

Target audience → Credential evaluators, students, administrations, higher education institutions

Possible synergies with you → They cooperate with the European Integration network, EUROPASS and EURES

Find the European Consumer Centre near you and give them a call → https://european-union.europa.eu/contact-eu/meet-us_en?networks=NARIC