

Top EU officials travel to Kyiv to mark three years of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine

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The European Council President Antonio Costa, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, and the College of Commissioners will be in Kyiv, Ukraine, today to express Europe's support for Ukraine's fight for independence and freedom, three years into Russia's full-scale war.

Antonio Costa, according to his schedule, will take part today in the International summit on the support of Ukraine to be held today in Kyiv, Ukraine.

Ursula von der Leyen and the European Commissioners will meet with the President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelenskyy. They will co-chair a College-to-Government meeting *"to prepare Ukraine's future as a free, sovereign, and European nation"*. Earlier in the day, the College will honour

fallen soldiers and those still fighting on the frontlines of Russia's brutal war of aggression.

“Over the past three years, the European Union has stood firmly by Ukraine's side, and dedicated every effort to ensure the country is in a position to obtain a just and lasting peace,” says a press release by the European Commission. *“The EU has supported Ukraine's financial stability and contributed to international efforts towards Russian accountability for its crimes. It has worked side-by-side with Ukraine on its accession process, to ensure that the country's future is within the EU. The EU is Ukraine's largest donor to date, it has trained the country's soldiers, financed the delivery of weapons and imposed hard-biting sanctions.”*

Since the start of Russia's war of aggression, the EU and its member states have provided around €134 billion in support for Ukraine and its people.

Also, the February Foreign Affairs Council starts today in Brussels with a discussion of the Russian aggression against Ukraine. The Council will be chaired by the EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Kaja Kallas. The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine Andrii Sybiha will join the Ministers for an informal exchange via videoconference.