

Commissioner Lenarčič welcomes 1000th Ukrainian patient evacuated to Germany

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Today, European Commissioner for Crisis Management Janez Lenarčič is participating in an event at Cologne-Bonn airport, Germany to mark the 1000th Ukrainian patient transferred to receive healthcare in Germany since the beginning of Russia's military aggression against Ukraine. The medical evacuations are coordinated and financially supported via the EU Civil Protection Mechanism.

In response to Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, the EU established a medical evacuation scheme in March 2022. As of today, 3,156 Ukrainian patients, either critically ill or wounded in the war, have been transported to hospitals across 22 European countries. This operation stands as the largest medical evacuation effort coordinated by the European Commission's

Emergency Response Coordination Centre to date.

Last month, the EU and Norway agreed to extend their cooperation in the provision of regular medical evacuation flights from the EU Medevac Hub in Rzeszow, Poland to destinations across Europe.