



EU Financial Cooperation in Ukraine

Political Context

Easter Partnership, 2015 Riga Summit

- * *Signature of the Association Agreement, including the DCFTA*
- * *2015 Association Agenda identifying political priorities*

Socio-economic and Financial Crisis

- * *Debt Crisis and Economic Stabilisation*
- * *Economic and Institutional Reform Process*
- * *Accelerated deterioration of the socio-economic living standards*

Conflict in Crimea and the Donbass

- * *Humanitarian challenges and the social impact of the conflict*
- * *Recovery & peacebuilding policy*
- * *Military challenges*

General context of the financial cooperation

- *Since early 2000, Ukraine is one of the main beneficiaries of the EU Financial Cooperation (in last years, aprox. 180 Meuros/year)*
- *EU Financial Cooperation with Ukraine covers a large range of sectors and activities, although in recent years, Governance reforms, Energy and the Economic reforms have dominated our partnership*
- *The EU also implements its cooperation through a variety of instruments: ENI Bilateral and Regional, CBC, Thematic Lines (EIDHR, Nuclear Safety Cooperation, NSA & LA, IfS, VIIth FP for R&T, etc.), Erasmus+, etc.*
- *Recently, ECHO Programmes and IfS (increased)*
- *Recent signature of the association to Horizon 2020*

Special Measures 2014 (ENI)

** In 2014, the EU adopted a program of Special Measures aiming at helping to stabilise the macro-economic and institutional situation of Ukraine. Two components:*

- State Building Contract (355 Meuros)*
- Civil Society Facility (10 Meuros)*

Conditionalities of the SBC

These conditionalities refer to the main lines of the program of institutional reform undertaken by the country in the post-Maidan phase:

- Fight against corruption*
- PFM and PP reform*
- Public Administration reform and reform of the civil service*
- Constitutional reform*
- Electoral reform*

Conditionalities have been coordinated with the content of other similar programmes (MFA of IMF programs)

Special Measures 2015

** In 2015, the EU adopted a program of Special Measures aiming at supporting the economic growth and the employment. Two components:*

- EU Support to Ukraine to re-launch the economy (EU Sure), 55 Meuros*
- EU Technical Cooperation Facility, 15 Meuros*

** The Special Measures 2015 are complemented by a support through the Neighbourhood Investment Facility (NIF) to the EIB Guarantee Facility (financing of SMEs), 40 Meuros*

EU Support to Ukraine to re-launch the economy (EU Sure)

- * To support the development of the private sector across Ukrainian regions (e.g., network of Regional Business Support Centres)*
- * To improve the Business Environment (the regulatory framework, the deregulation process when needed)*
- * To support the Business Intermediary organisations*
- * To support the policy framework, communication tools, specific legal frameworks (PPP, etc...)*

EU Technical Cooperation Facility

Thematic priorities (linked to the AA implementation):

- * Governance reform/Home affairs/Justice*
- * Trade & economic governance (GIs, Statistics, Standardisation, financial services, etc.)*
- * Transport (legal framework, policy, modernisation of infrastructures, etc.)*
- * Energy*
- * Labour Market (institutional support to the labour inspectorate, etc.)*