

Visit of Štefan Füle to Ukraine: joint press conference with Mykola Azarov

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Štefan Füle, Member of the EC in charge of Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy, held a joint press conference with Mykola Azarov, Ukrainian Prime Minister, after their meeting in Kiev on 7 February 2013. Štefan Füle visited Kiev to discuss the challenges and opportunities for relations between the European Union and Ukraine to move forward.



HEURE	DESCRIPTION	DUREE
00:00:00	Cutaways of press and arrival of Mykola Azarov, Ukrainian Prime Minister, and Štefan Füle, Member of the EC in charge of Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy	00:00:24
00:00:24	Speech by Mykola Azarov (in UKRAINIAN)	00:02:10
00:02:34	Speech by Štefan Füle, Member of the EC in charge of Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy, (in ENGLISH): My message I brought from Brussels is very clear: It is time for Ukraine to take its place among those countries that are shaping and actively facing global challenges together. It is time to join the fellowship of trust and confidence, and trust and values. We have a window of opportunity to move forward. But time is	00:03:34

more reformer but time is short. The European Union is committed to signing the Association Agreement, including the part on economic integration called DCFTA, provided there is determined action and tangible progress on the three key issues: selective justice, shortcomings of the October elections and advancing Association Agenda reforms. If there is delivery, the signature is within reach, possibly by the time of the Eastern Partnership (EaP) Summit in Vilnius in November. We have been talking about the roadmap between now and the Vilnius summit on what needs to be done. I talked about it not only here but also in the European Parliament in Strasbourg and also to both Presidents Cox and Kwasniewski about their mission which has been extended. It is important that there is tangible progress and that the Ukrainian side provides this mission with substantial assistance. Today I repeated over and over again that 2013 is a year of opportunities. It is a year not only to intensify the relations between Ukraine and the European Union, but also to strengthen the political, economic and legal base of our cooperation. All these years we have been

years we have been preparing for and talking about getting Ukraine closer to the European Union. Now we have concrete program how to do it and how to build more EU in Ukraine. After several recent setbacks in Ukraine, there is a need to regain confidence that Ukraine could emerge as a modern European country. So, I focused, together with the Prime Minister and his key Ministers, on the government's commitment to undertake the necessary measures and to take stock of progress in view of the upcoming EU/Ukraine Summit in Brussels on 25 February 2013.

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Questions from journalists and answers

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