



## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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*Ms Alina-Ștefania GORGHIU  
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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Senat for its Opinion on the Communication ‘Ukraine Relief and Reconstruction’ {COM (2022) 233 final}.*

*The Commission highly appreciates the Senat’s resolve to deepen cooperation in rebuilding Ukraine and welcomes Romania’s commitment to contribute to the reconstruction of the war-torn country. Against this backdrop, an agreement on the Donor Platform has been found and the first Steering Committee meeting took place on 26 January. The G7 and other like-minded stakeholders are working to ensure a comprehensive recovery and the most suitable governance model for this. Reforms necessary for Ukraine’s European path will provide an overall framework for future reconstruction. This includes also the necessary steps regarding the rights of persons belonging to national minorities, as outlined in the Commission Opinion on Ukraine’s application for membership of the European Union<sup>1</sup>. The Commission has and will continue to recall Ukraine that the respect for rights of persons belonging to national minorities, as enshrined in United Nations and Council of Europe conventions and related protocols, must be ensured.*

*Short-term recovery is a key priority to keep Ukraine and its economy afloat. Following the swift adoption and entry into force of the Macro-Financial Assistance+ Regulation on 16 December 2022, the first instalment of EUR 3 billion of the up to EUR 18 billion was disbursed on 17 January 2023. Future payments under this instrument of EUR 1.5 billion per month, will continue as of March 2023 and will be conditional on satisfactory progress towards implementing the agreed conditionality, as well as continuous compliance with the reporting requirements. Furthermore, the Commission President Ursula von der Leyen*

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<sup>1</sup> COM(2022) 407 final.

*announced a EUR 450 million assistance package for 2023 during the meeting between the College of Commissioners and the Ukrainian Government on 2 February 2023. This brings the total support made available for Ukraine – since the beginning of Russia’s war of aggression – from the EU, its Member States and European financial institutions to around EUR 50 billion. In addition to this, the Commission is working towards a EUR 1 billion contribution to fast recovery. In the meantime, we will further strengthen our bonds and deepen our partnership to support Ukraine beyond its immediate needs on the way ahead for Ukraine’s resilient democratic European future.*

*The Commission would like to thank Romania for its exemplary solidarity with Ukraine and its people in these difficult times and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue with the Senat in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

*Maroš Šefčovič  
Vice-President*

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Member of the Commission*