

[en](#) | [fr](#) | [de](#) | [pl](#) | [sv](#) | [fi](#)

Position Paper | 12.05.2021

## **EU-Russia : Components for a strategic reset**

### **A Green strategy paper**

*This paper - coordinated by MEPs Sergey Lagodinsky and Reinhard Bütikofer - was adopted on 12 May by the Group. It was endorsed without EFA participation.*

It is time to reassess the EU relationship vis-à-vis the Russian Federation. Recent months have demonstrated that our Russia strategy needs a strategic reset.

The following components for a new strategy are informed by the reality of a deepening antagonism between the EU and Russia, but are also carried by a vision for bilateral renewal, albeit following a long dry spell in mutual relations that we have to get through.

This paper outlines expectations and goals, as well as key components for EU strategy on Russia.

- [READ THE FULL PAPER \(pdf\)](#)

#### **Overview**

#### **I. EXPECTATIONS AND GOALS**

##### **a. Changing expectations**

b. Key objective and strategic goals

## **II. KEY COMPONENTS FOR EU STRATEGY ON RUSSIA**

- a. Our policy seeks partnership with the Russian people and is thus pro-Russian
- b. Support for active civil society remains the cornerstone of our policy
- c. Our Russia and Eastern Europe policies are informed by historical memory and recognition of responsibilities and traumas
- d. We respect Russia's interests, but not Russia's revisionism
- e. We rise to the challenge of systemic competition
- f. There are red lines for cooperation with Russian state actors
- g. We pursue nuclear arms control and nuclear disarmament with Russia
- h. As a new priority, we want to consistently combat money laundering
- i. We strengthen resilience and countermeasure capabilities against hybrid interference
- j. We use technological standards and the open internet to support free spaces and restrict oppressive technologies
- k. We strengthen the collective power and credibility of the EU including strategic unbundling
  - [READ THE FULL PAPER \(pdf\)](#)

### **Recommended**

News

@david-leveque



## [Debriefing of the June 2025 Plenary Session](#)

20.06.2025

Press release



## [EU must suspend the Association Agreement with Israel ...](#)

18.06.2025

News

© European Union 2015 - Source EP



## [Plenary Flash: Greens/EFA Priorities 16 to 19 June](#)

13.06.2025

Press release

Photo by Mohammed Ibrahim on Unsplash



[Greens/EFA call for suspension of EU-Israel Associatio...](#)

21.05.2025

**Responsible MEPs**



Reinhard Bütikofer

Member



Sergey Lagodinsky

Vice-President

**Contact person**



Juliane Schmidt

Team leader - Rights, Democracy and International Affairs

**Attached documents**

[Greens strategy EU-Russia\\_12.05.2021](#)

**Please share**

[•E-Mail](#)