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EU cannot afford to be at the mercy of Putin's puppets Viktor Orbán and Robert Fico

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Terry Reintke MEP, President of the Greens/EFA Group, comments on tomorrow's anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine and Viktor Orbán and Robert Fico blocking the 20th sanctions package and the already agreed loan of € 90 billion to Ukraine:

"Orbán's strategy of permanent blackmail is unacceptable. Viktor Orbán and Robert Fico are acting as vassals of Putin. The Hungarian Prime Minister is campaigning at the expense of the people of Ukraine, who are paying with their lives in the fight for their freedom and the freedom of Europe ."

Bas Eickhout MEP, President of the Greens/EFA Group, comments:

"The latest sanctions package against Russia is essential to support Ukraine and for European security. The EU cannot afford to be at the mercy of Putin's puppets Viktor Orbán and Robert Fico. Europe must continue to support Ukraine in its struggle against Russian aggression, regardless of the political posturing of Putin's lackeys around the Council table."

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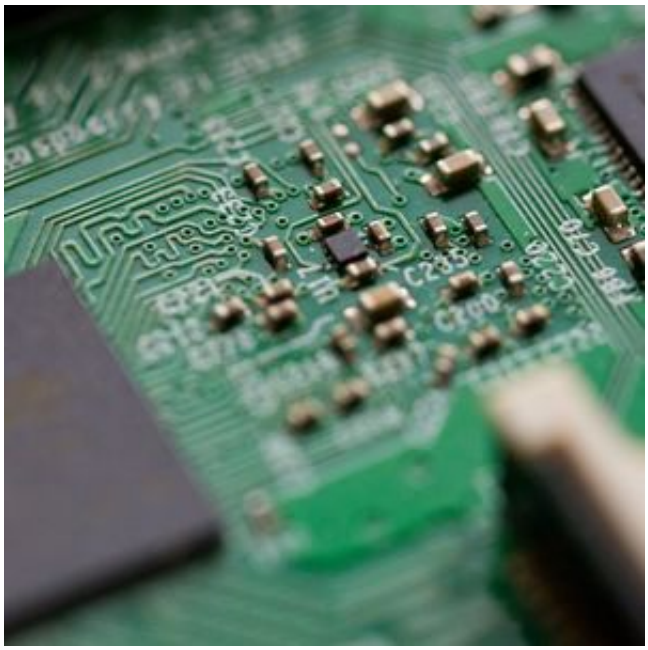


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