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EU-Ukraine agreement

Ratification must follow without delay

Ahead of today's vote in the European Parliament's foreign affairs committee on the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement, Greens/EFA co-president **Rebecca Harms** said:

"Beyond the current conflict and the question of sanctions on Russia, the government and the people of Ukraine need a strong signal from the European Union that they can count on our support for the reconstruction of their country. To this end, the European Parliament and EU member states need to ratify this Association Agreement without any further delay. A positive vote in the foreign affairs committee today would be a very important first step.

"The support of the European Union is crucial for reform and reconstruction in Ukraine. The EU must prioritise this as a means to counter Putin's strategy of destabilising the country. Ukraine not only needs financial help, but also long-term assistance in the organisation of the state, public sector reform, the fight against corruption and economic recovery."

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