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Technical preparations for signing the Association Agreement with Ukraine finalised

The Council today finalised technical preparations for the signature of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement. It is intended to deepen Ukraine's political association and economic integration with the EU and to establish a deep and comprehensive free trade area. The political provisions of the agreement were signed on 21 March.

The Council today adopted the legal acts empowering the EU to sign those parts of the agreement that have not yet been signed. It also endorsed provisional application of parts of the agreement, since ratification by all 28 EU member states is a long process. This includes the provisions on free trade, which are foreseen to be provisionally applied as of this autumn after the ratification by the Ukrainian parliament.

The text will be signed in the margins of the European Council on 27 June. European Council President Herman Van Rompuy, Commission President José Manuel Barroso and all EU Heads of State or Government will sign on behalf of the EU and its member states.

More details:

[Guide to the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement](#)

[The EU's relations with Ukraine](#)

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