



BACKGROUND¹
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EU - Ukraine Summit Monday 27 April in Kyiv, Ukraine

The 17th EU - Ukraine summit will take place in Kyiv, Ukraine on Monday 27 April, 2015. This will be the first summit under the new Association Agreement signed in June last year.

The EU will be represented by President of the European Council Donald Tusk, President of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker. High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the Commission Federica Mogherini and Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy Johannes Hahn will also participate. Ukraine will be represented by President Petro Poroshenko.

The summit will start at 12.00 on Monday with a tête-à-tête meeting between Presidents Tusk, Juncker and Poroshenko in the Chimera building.

This will be followed by a working lunch at 13.00 also in the Chimera building where the main topic for discussion will be the implementation of the Minsk agreements and regional issues

At 14.30 the plenary session is expected to start in the Presidential Administration building. This will be the occasion to discuss bilateral issues, including reforms and sectorial cooperation.

A press conference will be held at the end of the meeting around 16.00.

The last EU-Ukraine summit took place in Brussels on 25 February 2013. Since then EU-Ukraine cooperation has deepened at all levels. In particular work has focused on preparing the signature and the provisional application of the Association Agreement, on stabilising the macro-economic situation of Ukraine and implementing an ambitious reform process but also to address the security situation in eastern Ukraine and the implementation of the Minsk agreements. The EU has consistently called for the full respect of Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

The upcoming summit will be an opportunity to send a strong message of partnership between Ukraine and the EU. The EU will continue to stand by Ukraine and help it in all its efforts. Leaders will take stock of where we stand, consolidate ongoing cooperation and agree on stepped-up support in a number of areas. After a recent period of big decisions, reforms and new agreements, the emphasis will very much be on implementation and consolidation.

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In particular the summit will focus on:

- the implementation of the Association Agreement and the political and economic reforms in Ukraine including EU financial and other assistance;
- the crisis in eastern Ukraine and the application of the Minsk agreements;
- regional issues and the preparations for the upcoming Eastern Partnership summit in Riga.

The summit will be followed by an international reform conference for Ukraine.

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- Photos of Donald Tusk
- <u>Videos of Donald Tusk</u>