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Subject: Ukrainian crisis

More than 6 000 people have lost their lives as a consequence of the conflict in eastern Ukraine. A large part of the civilian population – more than a million people – has been forced to abandon their homes. A humanitarian disaster is looming, and the economy lies in ruins – partly because of military expenditures. Inflation, tax burdens and utility prices have increased many times over, causing widespread poverty. Subsidies for school meals have been eliminated, and the subsidies for kindergarten meals have been cut. Funding for the social safety net and health care has been put on hold. The State has reinstated conscription and ordered mobilisation, which affects every military-aged male who has passed the physical examination (mobilisation affects all males between the ages of 25 and 60), regardless of nationality. Needless to say, this is causing social tension.

Stabilisation requires a complete ceasefire, but the implementation of immediate reforms is also necessary. The country needs constitutional and judicial reforms; the economy needs to be made functional again; decentralisation is needed, as is the implementation of the principle of subsidiarity; corruption must be eliminated; and human and civil rights, including minority and language rights, must be fully observed.

How is the European Commission aiding and overseeing the implementation of the planned reforms?

What aid programmes are being planned to rehabilitate the people living in the war zone and improve the living conditions of displaced persons?

Does the Commission have an action plan to check compliance with the criteria of the rule of law, including compliance with human and minority rights?