

## Latest on Russia's war on Ukraine

As Russia's brutal and unprovoked war on Ukraine approaches the two-year mark in February, the front lines have remained virtually static for several months. On 17 January, at the World Economic Forum in Davos, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy urged Ukraine and its people to seize the initiative to help determine the course of the war and secure more extensive international support.

Earlier, Zelenskyy expressed confidence that the key aid from Washington, delayed by infighting in the US Congress, would soon be forthcoming. EU Member States have agreed on a partial negotiation mandate to start talks with the European Parliament on a €50 billion aid package for Ukraine, but one Member State, Hungary, is raising obstacles. The European Union is also preparing a 13th package of sanctions against Russia.

With Russia continuing to shell Ukrainian cities and infrastructure, drones – reportedly Ukrainian – hit a major gas export terminal near the city of St Petersburg, halting its operation.

This note gathers links to the **recent publications and commentaries from many international think tanks** on Russia's war on Ukraine. Earlier analyses on the war can be found in a [previous edition](#) of the 'What Think Tanks are Thinking' series.

[To defeat Putin in a long war, Ukraine must switch to active defense in 2024](#)  
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[European defence industry: urgent action is needed!](#)  
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[Beyond the counter-offensive: Attrition, stalemate, and the future of the war in Ukraine](#)  
European Council on Foreign Relations, January 2024

[The 2024 elections in Russia, the EU, and the US: International implications and impacts on the war in Ukraine](#)  
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[Russian offensive campaign assessment, January 22, 2024](#)

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[Cash keeps accumulating at Euroclear Bank as a result of sanctions on Russia](#)

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[The Russian economy amidst the war and sanctions](#)

Wiener Institut für Internationale Wirtschaftsvergleiche, Österreichisches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung, Kiel Institute for the World Economy, IFO Institut, January 2024

[The war in Ukraine is not a stalemate](#)

Wilson Center, *Foreign Affairs*, January 2024

[The dangers and limitations of the Russian missile campaign](#)

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[For a secure and stable Europe, put Ukraine on a definitive path to NATO](#)

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