Since 23 February 2022, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (HR) has submitted to the Council several proposals for restrictive measures in response to Russia’s unprovoked and unjustified military aggression against Ukraine. As of 3 June 2022, 1158 individuals and 98 entities are listed under the EU sanctions regime in respect of Ukraine’s territorial integrity. The list includes President Putin, other prominent political actors, oligarchs linked to the Kremlin, high-ranking officials and military personnel, including individuals responsible for the atrocities committed in Bucha and Mariupol, propagandists and disinformation actors, as well as entities active in key sectors of the Russian economy.

The EU is not sparing any effort to target those responsible for Russia’s war or that otherwise support or implement actions undermining the territorial integrity of Ukraine. The initiative for proposing new designations can come either from the HR or from any Member State. It is ultimately for the Council to adopt any additional measures.

EU restrictive measures must respect human rights and fundamental freedoms. Moreover, listed individuals and entities have the right to challenge their designation before Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU). The EU therefore ensures that all designations meet the legal standards as defined in the jurisprudence of the CJEU. In particular, the proposals for each additional EU listing state the reasons why the person, group or entity concerned falls under the relevant designation criteria. Such reasons are well founded on elements of facts and of law, which are made available to the Council before the latter adopts any decision.

EU sanctions announced in the context of the Russian military aggression against Ukraine have been closely coordinated with its partners and allies.

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