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Implementation of the ammunition package is ongoing based on three tracks.

On track 1 (immediate delivery from stocks or reprioritisation of orders), over 300 000 ground-to-ground ammunition and 3 200 missiles have been delivered to Ukraine since February 2023 (within track 1 and afterwards)¹. This means that one third of the objective to deliver 1 million rounds of artillery ammunition by March 2024 has already been reached. More deliveries are expected soon. The delivery of 1 million rounds of ammunition to Ukraine continues to be an important political goal.

On track 2 (joint procurement of 155 mm calibre ammunition), the current estimate is that around 180 000 shells are already on order for 2023-2024. More orders are expected in the coming months.

Track 3 is a Commission-led effort to ramp up the industry's capacity. The Act in Support of Ammunition Production (ASAP)² aims to remove existing bottlenecks in the ammunition supply-chain and to support the ramp-up of the EU production capacity of ammunition to ensure their timely delivery. The 155 mm European production capacity is estimated to have already increased by 20-30% since February 2023, and is expected to reach 1 million/year in spring 2024.

Discussions are currently ongoing on the future EU's security commitments to Ukraine and on how to ensure sustainable and predictable military support to Ukraine.

¹ Figures updated in November 2023.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/1525/oj>