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Subject: European support to the Ukrainian research community

Following the Russian invasion to Ukraine in February 2022, the European higher education and research community has expressed strong support to Ukrainian research and innovation sector. Various different initiatives for concrete help have been set up throughout the EU. The European Commission has rightly provided coordination support to such actions, e.g. by establishing the ERA4Ukraine portal.

With regards to funding opportunities, the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action for Ukraine action announced by the European Commission is expected to benefit maximum 200 researchers. Furthermore, administrative steps have been taken to ensure Ukrainian entities eligible for EU funding under Horizon Europe could continue to receive funding from the programme.

While these developments are welcomed and timely, more is needed. We need better implementation of the possibilities provided within the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement and new ways to support the survival and future reform of the Ukrainian research infrastructure, as the full impact of the war is yet unknown and the unstable situation is likely to continue.

- Is the Commission planning to mobilize new concrete funding opportunities for the benefit of the Ukrainian research and innovation sector?
- Does the Commission have specific support for scientists and researchers remaining in Ukraine?
- Is the Commission developing specific plans to support the Ukrainian research infrastructure as a whole to build back better after the war?
- Does the Commission collect information about national schemes for support for Ukrainian research community in order to share best practices at the EU level?

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