

UKRAINE SOLIDARITY DAYS



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT – VERKHOVNA RADA OF UKRAINE
21-24 March 2022

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Version of 21 March 2022 (subject to changes due to the political and security situation)

RATIONALE

With the objective to express Parliament's support to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (VRU) in defending freedom, peace and democracy, this event aims to address the VRU's capacity to cope with the unprecedented circumstances and to assess its urgent needs to preserve its political as well as institutional functioning.

The Ukraine Solidarity Days include several activities taking place in the European Parliament at different levels demonstrating solidarity with our Ukrainian partners. The cornerstone would be online exchanges with Members of the Rada, possibly with Speaker Stefanchuk and also the leaders of political factions with MEPs during two short sessions, one focusing on the political situation (with Pat Cox and AFET Standing Rapporteur on Ukraine) and the other one on the humanitarian situation. The programme would also include the AFET exchange on the situation in Ukraine on Monday a debate on Ukraine in the Plenary on Wednesday. Event would include also the outreach to the youth and civil society in Ukraine, as well as a reportage from and interaction with the Sakharov Laureate from the Polish-Ukrainian border.

Monday, 21 March	Wednesday, 23 March	Thursday, 24 March
<p>16.45-17.45 (in camera/restricted access)</p> <p>Exchange of views on the situation in Ukraine with Vsevolod Chentsov, Ambassador of Ukraine to the EU in the AFET Committee meeting</p> <p>Chaired by: David McAllister, AFET Committee Chair</p>	<p>14.00-14.45 (Facebook-live event)</p> <p>Voices of Youth from Ukraine, Belarus and Russia</p> <p>With the participation of Michal Šimečka, EP Vice-President for human rights and democracy</p>	<p>13.30-14.15 (public/webstreaming)</p> <p>Reportage from the Ukrainian border region by Lorent Saleh, 2017 Sakharov Prize Laureate followed by exchange of views</p> <p>Chaired by: Juan Fernando López Aguilar, LIBE Committee Chair</p>
	<p>15.00-23.00 (public/webstreaming)</p> <p>Debates linked to the Russian aggression against Ukraine during the Part-Session (time tbc.)</p>	<p>14.30-15.30 (public/webstreaming)</p> <p>Meeting with Speaker Stefanchuk and Rada's Faction Leaders and MPs addressing the humanitarian crisis</p> <p>Co-chaired by: Maria Arena, Chair of DROI Committee and Michael Gahler, DEG Lead MEP for Democracy Support for Ukraine</p>
	<p>19.00-20.00 (in camera/restricted access)</p> <p>Democracy support to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine</p> <p>Meeting with Speaker Stefanchuk and Rada Faction and Group Leaders on the functioning of the Rada under the current circumstances</p> <p>Co-chaired by: Pat Cox, former President of the European Parliament Michael Gahler, DEG Lead MEP for Democracy Support for Ukraine With the participation of Klaus Welle, Secretary-General of the European Parliament</p>	<p>15.45-17.45 (public/webstreaming)</p> <p>Meeting of EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee</p> <p>Co-chaired by: MEP Witold Jan Waszczykowski and MP Vadym Halaichuk</p>