

## EU-Ukraine – A European Agenda for Reform

The European Agenda for Reform which has been jointly developed over the last weeks by the Ukrainian Government on the one side and the European External Action Service and the European Commission on the other side, is a comprehensive action plan of the Commission's contribution to the paramount task of the development and fundamental transformation of Ukraine launched by the Government. The document combines Ukraine's short- and medium-term needs and matches them with support actions from the EU side. It provides clear indications on specific steps, the timelines and points of contacts in the respective administrations.

Both sides started to jointly build up the contents of the European Agenda on the occasion of the visit to Kiev of a high level delegation from the European Commission headed by Commissioners Füle and Lewandowski, on 25-26 March of this year, with the support of the EU Delegation in Kiev. Since that time the Agenda has evolved and got richer, more actions have been added and their implementation has progressed steadily.

Today, the European Agenda for Reform has grown into a credible roadmap, which is not only about the smooth delivery of the EU support package, but encompasses a wide-ranging set of measures that reflect the priorities of the Ukrainian government and the expectations of the Ukrainian people. Its measures range from assistance to constitutional reform to cooperation on energy matters, from financial assistance by the EU to the unilateral opening of its markets for Ukrainian products, from the reform of the judiciary to the visa liberalisation process.

The decision to make it public will enable an open discussion with the representatives of the Ukrainian civil society on the major direction and the specific actions foreseen. This Agenda has been conceived as a living document that should be able to take stock of progress and reflect evolving priorities. Thus it is always possible to adjust it to the changing situation, to ensure an adequate matching between needs and actions, thereby furthering the consultation process.

The implementation of the European Agenda for Reform is a joint effort of both sides and will be coordinated on the one hand, through the Support Group for Ukraine set up by the European Commission and on the other hand the institution within the Government of Ukraine dealing with the process of European integration. These bodies will be in contact and interact regularly, ensuring that there is consistency between the need of Ukraine and the assistance offered by the EU. Such close cooperation and coordination can ensure that in case of problems and obstacles prompt action be taken to let the implementation of the Agenda progress smoothly.

It should be noted that less than two months since the launch of this process, several of the measures indicated in the European Agenda have already been implemented or launched. It confirms that there is clear added value in framing mutual commitments in visible, incremental and operational terms.

Recent milestones in the implementation of the European Agenda for Reform include:

- The new “State Building Contract” programme signed on 13 May, worth €355 million, plus €10 million to support civil society, which will help the government of Ukraine to address short-term economic stabilisation needs and implement governance reforms in order to promote inclusive socio-economic development.

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- The conclusion of the Memorandum of Assistance to Ukraine that is necessary to give effect to the €1 billion Macro Financial Assistance loan programme. The EU will soon disburse the first package of €600 million of a total amount of €1.6 billion of Macro Financial Assistance.
- The elimination of customs duties on goods originating from Ukraine – worth nearly €500 million per year in tariff reductions.
- The signature of the Memorandum of Understanding enabling gas flows from Slovakia to Ukraine which was an important first step to diversify Ukraine's sources of gas supply.

While these are all important actions, they represent only a small part of the comprehensive European Agenda. The bulk of the work is still ahead of us and the European Commission side want to be sure that it contributes in the most efficient manner to the heroic task of nation-building launched by the Ukrainian Government.

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<b>1. Political process</b>					
<b>Hold free and fair presidential elections</b> on 25 May 2014 as well as local and regional related elections	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support the OSCE/ODHIR election monitoring mission (support for up to 315 observers for three election events by October 2015)</li> <li>2. Support local and regional NGOs in observing the elections (notably the ENEMO)</li> <li>3. Possible support to civil society and the Central Election Commission in raising awareness of the importance of election</li> </ol>		EEAS/FPI/DEVCO	Central Electoral Commission (upon agreement)	<p>Projects as per Financing Decision funded by the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP) adopted on 3 April.</p> <p>Reinforced support by the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) on-going.</p> <p>New electoral law under preparation by the UA government.</p> <p>Amendments to the electoral law and related laws to improve technical and judicial aspects</p>

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					of the electoral process has been passed on 13 March 2014
<b>Reform of the civilian security sector, including police,</b> improving the rule of law and respect for Human Rights as well as supporting police.	<p>1. Provide short term/initial mentoring and advisory support to UA Government and Security Services on SSR, including on election related tasks</p> <p>2. Assess the needs for a comprehensive security sector reform and define priority actions, provide technical assistance as needed during the first phase of the police reform process.</p> <p>3. Support the Council of Europe (CoE)</p>	<p>May 2014</p> <p>May 2014</p> <p>Depends of CoE timeline</p>	EEAS/FPI/ HOME/DEVCO/JUST	Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, State Border Service, Security Service	<p>Amongst others, DEVCO is implementing a twinning project on justice (including police reform component). A Justice project with CoE is under preparation to complement the Twinning.</p> <p>A small team of experts under CMPD lead (Crisis Management and Planning Directorate) is reinforcing the EUDEL in Kyiv.</p> <p>Following 14 April FAC tasking related</p>

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	International Advisory Panel				to support to civilian security sector reform, support of police and rule of law, an expert mission composed of EUMS SNE has been deployed in Kyiv and a Political Framework for Crisis Approach to prepare for appropriate assistance complementary to other on-going efforts, examining all options, including through a possible CSDP mission.
<b>Contribute to reducing tensions and fostering stability and security</b> throughout Ukraine	Support the OSCE Special Monitoring mission in Ukraine by  1. providing requested support to OSCE (technical	Ongoing	EEAS	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Justice, State Border Service, Security Service,	A small team of experts under CMPD lead (Crisis Management and Planning Directorate) is

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	<p>assistance)</p> <p>2. reinforcing EU Delegation in Kyiv and Vienna to liaise with the OSCE SMM</p> <p>3. Provide financial and political support to the OSCE SMM</p> <p>4. Consider supporting project related to dialogue and reconciliation</p>			Ministry of Interior, National Defense and security Council	<p>reinforcing the EUDEL in Kyiv.</p> <p>Following 14 April FAC tasking related to support to civilian security sector reform, support of police and rule of law, an expert mission composed of EUMS SNE has been deployed in Kyiv and a Political Framework for Crisis Approach to prepare for appropriate assistance complementary to other on-going efforts, examining all options, including through a possible CSDP mission.</p> <p>IcSP exceptional assistance measure</p>

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					of 3 April (tbd)
<b>Ensure adequate protection of minorities</b>	To be considered in close cooperation with CoE		EEAS/DEVCO	Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine	
<b>Complete comprehensive constitutional reform</b> by the autumn	Mobilise technical assistance in the field of constitutional reform, notably related to public outreach and dialogue, including mobilisation of EU and local legal expertise, in close consultation with the Venice Commission	May 15, 2014: parliamentary draft to be ready	EEAS/DEVCO/FPI/JUST	Verkhovna Rada (upon agreement)	Ad hoc multi-party parliamentary committee established  Twinning project, IcSP, EIDHR (to be determined)
<b>Support the implementation of the Cabinet of Ministers' programme of reforms</b>	Provide, upon request, EU Senior Policy Advisors to 5-10 key ministers/ administrations.		DEVCO/EEAS/HR	Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, MFA, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Energy and Coal, other central executive	Comprehensive Institution Building (CIB) funds supporting coordinating structure, sector projects to support Ministries

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<b>Setting up the National system of coordination of the European integration policy (reinforcement necessary in terms of further proper implementation of the Association Agreement)</b>	EU assistance to be determined		EEAS/DEVCO	Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, National Civil Service Agency, other central executive bodies	Comprehensive Institution Building (CIB) funds
<b>2. Economic support</b>					
<b>Economic stabilisation</b>  Follow up to the Agreement with the IMF on a reform programme, and conclusion of a MoU with COM on reforms linked to the MFA (incl. Public finance reform, trade and taxation, energy sector reform, while protecting the most vulnerable, restructuring of	Additional Macro-financial assistance of circa € 1 billion, on top of the already agreed € 610 million. Proposal adopted in April, and first disbursements possible in May, totalling up to € 600 million until June, following the IMF agreement and conclusion of MFA		ECFIN/TAXUD/TRADE	Ministry of Finance, National Bank	Technical assistance also planned by the IMF (link to conditionalities)

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financial sector).	<p>MoU. Remaining funds can be disbursed in 2014 subject to IMF and EU conditionality.</p> <p>Technical assistance for capacity building and modernising Tax code of Ukraine and State tax administration.</p>				
<p><b>Mobilisation, coordination and disbursement of assistance</b></p> <p>Set up an ad hoc donors' coordination mechanism in the shape of an international platform with the international community and international financial institutions. UA government to take the lead.</p>	<p>The Commission adopted on 5 March a large support package, which now needs to be implemented.</p> <p>In addition to Macro-Financial Assistance (MFA), in 2014 the Commission will: i) accelerate payments of on-going budget support programme (for a maximum of € 80 million in case relevant conditionalities are</p>	<p>State Building Contract – Commission decision adopted in April; first tranche end May/early June.</p>	DEVCO/EEAS	<p>Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<p>The New Law on Public procurement was approved on 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2014</p> <p>State Building Contract discussed with authorities and stakeholders.</p>

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	<p>met and the relevant financing agreement is signed) and ii) implement a new large State Building Contract (worth € 365 million, to be paid in 2 tranches).</p> <p>Support to institution building and provision of expertise, including on areas identified in this roadmap.</p> <p>Work with UA government to build platform for donor coordination with sectoral working groups and possible donor conference in the future with the aim to consolidate the financial resources for the Ukraine – EU Association Agreement's implementation, including the creation</p>	May		<p>Ministry of Justice + Agency for Civil Service</p> <p>Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, for the time being, and in the future the</p>	<p>Support to SIGMA with EU financing.</p> <p>New laws prepared on strengthening the civil service and the local authorities (draft sent to Council of Europe for comments – received and incorporated)</p> <p>To reinforce the institutional capacity of the relevant Directorate in the Ministry (Department for cooperation with IFI and international technical assistance)</p>

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	of DCFTA			Ukrainian coordination body currently under discussion	
<b>Development of Eastern and Southern regions of Ukraine</b>	<p>Adapting ongoing special EU programmes for regional support aimed at regional cohesion and promoting investment potential of the regions in question.</p> <p>Leveraging the EIB + NIF resources.</p> <p>Promotion and implementation of the energy efficiency projects within the scope of the Covenant of mayors.</p>		DEVCO/EEAS/EIB	Ministry of Regional Development, Construction and Housing, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade	Use of the ongoing EU project on supporting regional development in Ukraine and adjustment of the TAIEX and Twinning instruments to promote CIB in regions
<b>3. Trade / Customs</b>					
<b>Take steps to ensure Ukraine can fully benefit from autonomous trade</b>	The Commission to elaborate with the Ukrainian authorities	Entered into force on 23 April	TRADE/TAXUD/AGRI/SANCO	Ministry of Economic Development and	Measures to adjust technical legislation and standards with

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<b>measures</b>	the technical and administrative measures needed for letting Ukraine fully benefit from the trade concessions.			Trade, Customs and other involved central executive bodies Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) (upon agreement)	EU acquis;  Technical and financial support  The Commission has received addresses of relevant UCCI regional offices, signatures and stamps samples, which will be in charge of issuing of preferential certificate forms A and EUR1.
<b>Address consequences of illegal Crimea annexation</b> for the autonomous trade measures (ATMs) and the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA) and the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument	Commission evaluating the legal consequences of the annexation of Crimea and proposing economic, trade and financial restrictions regarding Crimea for rapid implementation.	May	SJ/TRADE/DEVCO/EEAS	Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Finance Customs,UCCI (upon agreement)	

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<b>DCFTA implementation</b>  Ukrainian Government to indicate in which specific areas such assistance would be required so that the Commission, together with the Member States, could identify the most efficient ways of trade-related capacity building (expertise, legislation, institutions, etc). The possibilities for involving the OECD and the WTO also to be clarified.	The Commission to provide technical assistance to, and support the capacity building in Ukraine related to the implementation of the provisions of the DCFTA. The coordination of assistance by the Member States and international organisations like to OECD is to be ensured.	May	TRADE/DEVCO/TAXUD	Ministry of Economic Development and Trade Ministry of Agrarian policy and food Ministry of Energy and Coal Industry, Customs. State Intellectual Property Service and other involved central executive bodies	Potential support through the Annual Action Plan for 2015.  Ministry of Economic Development and Trade is going to finalise assessment of needs in TA and its priorities. In May consultations could take place in order to identify ways to strengthen Ukraine's trade potential, specifically, by setting up concise time frame for assistance projects, their durability and options for its reviews to ensure flexible response to needs.

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<b>Holding information campaign about DCFTA advantages and benefits with special emphasis on eastern and southern regions of Ukraine</b>	Preparation of a joint information campaign strategy. Joint visits of EU and UA officials to the regions of Ukraine		EU Delegation to Ukraine	Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, Ministry of Foreign Affairs	
<b>Address sanitary and phytosanitary issues (SPS) issues</b>  Preparation of Comprehensive strategy of implementation of EU legislation in the SPS area within 3 months of signing DCFTA. This will allow speedy adoption of new legal acts in line with EU standards to enable rapid new SPS approvals and full use of TRQs.  Ensure trade facilitation (trade information, information on TRQ management...)  SPS legislation in Ukraine	The Commission to continue to provide further support to Ukraine through the available instruments for the approximation and implementation of EU SPS legislation (in particular, through the implementation of institutional building instruments Twinning, TAIEX and CIB programme), and to open where possible the EU market for Ukrainian agricultural products.  Dedicated capacity		TRADE / SANCO / AGRI/DEVCO	Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food Ministry of Economic Development and Trade State Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service	Currently a number of legislative acts on the SPS issues have been drafted. With the aim of implementation of the EU requirements in the SPS sphere in the most efficient way Ukraine should fulfill measures to approximate its legislation to the EU legislation, namely to ensure the adoption of laws by Verhovna Rada,;  «On amendments to certain legislative acts of Ukraine regarding food safety»;

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<p>to be aligned with respective EU legislation as much as possible.</p> <p>Align standards to enable the abolishment of the import permit system for imported animal products.</p> <p>Official controls, implementation of legislation, laboratory network, and sufficient financial resources to carry out the tasks in the SPS area should be in place.</p>	<p>building, e.g. within "Better training for safer food" can be provided to address immediate needs of Ukraine in SPS area.</p> <p>To answer existing needs of Ukraine in the area of SPS, in particular through increased cooperation within the EU Programme "Improving government control over food safety in Ukraine", as well as providing additional technical assistance in addressing SPS issues.</p>				<p>«On the feeds» ;</p> <p>«On amendments to certain legislative acts of Ukraine regarding identification and registration of animals»;</p> <p>«On animal by-products not intended for human consumption»;</p> <p>«On state control in the sphere of ensuring of safety and quality of food, feed, animal welfare»</p>
<p>Take measures in order to sign and implement the Financing Agreement of the sector budget support (SBS) Programme "Promoting mutual trade</p>	<p>Commission to provide additional technical assistance on removal of trade barriers within Comprehensive Institution Building</p>		DEVCO/TRADE/ENTR		

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by removing technical barriers to trade between Ukraine and the European Union" (II Phase).	Programme				
<b>Improvement of business and investment climate.</b>  Holding the next session of the EU-Ukraine Dialogue on Business Climate.	Commission ready to work with the Ukrainian authorities to provide support for issues such as corporate governance, the so-called corporate raids, lack of transparency and inefficient management of the VAT system (exemptions and arrears in VAT refunds), legal protection of IPR rights, and the rule of law in a broad sense.		TRADE/ENTR/TAXUD/ECFIN/MARKT	Ministry of Economic Development and Trade Ministry of Finance  Tax Administration  State Intellectual Property Service  National Securities And Stock Market Commission	
Enhance public-private dialogue			ENTR/TRADE	Ministry of Economic Development and Trade State Service on	

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<p>(currently pending in Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine).</p> <p><b>Land reform</b></p> <p>Establishment of the effective agriculture land circulation mechanism.</p> <p>Legislative development in the sphere of land relations on the basis of best EU practises.</p> <p>National cadastre system development, rendering of national cadastre services by means of Internet services.</p> <p>Development of the National infrastructure of geospatial data on technical and legislative levels.</p>	<p>Member States.</p> <p>Technical assistance of EU experts on legislative basis for land reform.</p> <p>Technical, financial assistance, exchange of best practices, joint projects.</p> <p>Recommendations on implementation of EU INSPIRE Directive</p> <p>Technical and financial assistance to launch pilot projects in the framework of National infrastructure of geospatial data.</p> <p>Engagement of Ukrainian experts to European projects on geospatial data.</p>	<p>January 2014 – January 2016</p> <p>May 2014 – December 2016</p> <p>May 2014 – December 2016</p> <p>May 2014 – December 2018</p>	AGRI/DEVCO	Agency of Land Recourses	<p>State Agency of Land Resources is interested in studying the experience of functioning of the relevant operating departments on land resources governance and institutions which deal with the conduction of land cadastre, land resources management and agriculture land market development.</p>

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Developing the Action Plan for 2014-2016 with a view to adopt the Agreement on Conformity Assessment and Acceptance of Industrial Products (ACAA)	EU Programme Sector and Budget Support "Removing non-tariff trade barriers in bilateral trade" (2nd phase)		ENTR	Ministry of Economic Development and Trade	
<b>5. Justice / Home Affairs and Fight against corruption</b>					
<b>Further improvement of the implementation of the Visa Facilitation Agreement (VFA) by the Member States</b>	The Commission will work with the Member States to increase use of the possibility to issue multiple and long-term visas for Ukrainians, including by issuing the Guidelines on the enhanced VFA implementation	May	HOME	MFA	
<b>Support to Ukraine in implementation of the</b>	The European Commission in	Mission should be organized in	HOME	MFA	The progress in VLAP

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<b>Visa Liberalization Action Plan (VLAP)</b>	<p>coordination with the Member States will accelerate efforts aimed at the implementation of of Visa Liberalisation Action Plan (VLAP)(passing to the second phase and advance in the implementation of the legislation) in line with the agreed conditions of VLAP.</p> <p>Once in the second phase, the European Commission will swiftly organize evaluation Missions to Ukraine to assess the progress achieved.</p> <p>The European Commission will render a comprehensive support to Ukraine to achieve the goal of</p>	<p>June/July and report - if progress justifies it - should be prepared by September/October.</p>			<p>implementation depends on the progress achieved by Ukraine. At the same time the EU readiness to proceed forward without delays is confirmed.</p>

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	granting visa-free regime to Ukrainian citizens.				
Establishment of an <b>anti-corruption authority</b> charged with the detection, the investigation and the deferral to the judicial authority of corruption cases, on the basis of a national anti-corruption strategy.	<p>The Commission (OLAF lead) is ready to supply the <b>infrastructure, the experts and their knowledge</b> which, in cooperation with the local authorities shall work toward:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the effective disbursement of the EU aid and other budgetary resources including from IFIs for the intended purposes;</li> <li>2. effectively curbing down the fraud and corruption phenomena;</li> <li>3. priority area under the State Building</li> </ol>	May	OLAF/DEVCO/HOME	Ministry of Justice,  State Security Service (SSS)	<p>Request could be in part financed by the comprehensive institution building programme</p> <p>SSS supports as an urgent first step creation of the working group on countering corruption under EU financial support. The Group should include representatives of the SSS, Ministry of Interior, Prosecutor's Offices and OLAF</p>

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	Contract.				
<b>Facilitating mobility</b>  Fighting corruption: Implementation of legislation on preventing and fighting corruption, ensuring the efficient functioning of an independent anti-corruption authority.  Border management: implementation of the concept of Integrated Border Management, including effective implementation of the Law on Border Control, with the support of an adequate infrastructure and inter-agency cooperation.  Possible strengthening of cooperation in areas such as cyber security and law enforcement cooperation (in particular at the level of	As regards the support measures in the area of mobility the Commission has proposed to work on three different strands:  1. optimal use of the present framework (visa facilitation)  2. accelerating the on-going visa liberalisation process, and thereby supporting the reform process in all sectors covered by the Visa Liberalisation Action Plan (VLAP)  3. offer cooperation under the umbrella of a Mobility Partnership.  As regards corruption		HOME	Ministry of Justice  Ministry of Interior  State Migration Service	Conditions for visa liberalisation listed in Visa Liberalisation Action Plans  State Building Contract conditionality on anticorruption

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police forces).	and border management, as well as in the area of cooperation on fighting crime, the EU is committed to assist UA within the framework of VLAP and beyond.				
<b>Reform of the Prosecutor's Office</b>	Provide support with Council of Europe/Venice Commission on draft law	2014	JUST/EEAS	Ministry of Justice	Consider the use of the informal judiciary dialogue to advance this
<b>Strengthening the Judiciary</b>	<p>The Commission is ready to provide technical assistance to Judiciary, for example offering trainings in cooperation with European Judicial Training Network (EJTN).</p> <p>The Commission is also ready to foster practitioners' dialogue,</p>	May	JUST/DEVCO/EEAS	<p>Bar association</p> <p>Lawyers' association</p> <p>Ministry of Justice</p>	<p>Include also TAIEX assistance</p> <p>Consider the use of the informal judiciary dialogue to advance this</p> <p>See also comments on civilian security sector reform</p>

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	<p>in particular to establish a network of legal practitioners building on new law of the Bar and Bar Association.</p> <p>Ongoing Super-twinning project - Support to Justice Sector Reforms in Ukraine (€ 8.6 million).</p> <p>Coordination with the Council of Europe and in particular with its Venice Commission.</p> <p>Launch of the long term Budgetary Support Programme for the Ministry of Justice on development of the System of Free Legal Support to the population (proposal submitted to EU by Ministry of Justice on</p>				

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<b>6. Enterprise</b>					
<b>Improve the business environment for companies/SMEs</b> in order to enable increased FDI from the EU	Mission for Growth involving a full delegation of EU business to stimulate private sector investment, including key EU business organisations (Eurochambres, BusinessEurope, UEAPME)		ENTR	Ministry of Economic Development and Trade  State Service on Entrepreneurship	European Business Association (EBA) to be included
Streamline SME policies and assist the development/ restructuring of targeted industrial sectors.  Ensuring compliance of new legislation in the area of support of SMEs with the EU Small Business	Bilateral dialogue between Commission and Ukraine focusing on SME policies, targeted industrial sectors and technical barriers to trade		ENTR	Ministry of Economic Development and Trade  State Service on Entrepreneurship	

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Act.					
<p>Establish closer ties with key stakeholders in EU Member States and at EU level.</p> <p>Ensure Ukraine's participation in COSME Programme.</p>	<p>Participation of Ukraine in COSME (Programme for the Competitiveness of Enterprises and SMEs) and in particular the Enterprise Europe Network – Commission is ready to commence the negotiations on the corresponding Agreement (Ukraine has already been participating in the EEN as a third country)</p>		ENTR	State Service on Entrepreneurship Ministry of Economic Development and Trade	<p>Having no previous experience of the participation in EU SME-related programmes Ukrainian side has a substantial interest in joining COSME Programme. However due to the current difficult economic situation and austerity measures payment of the Programme' entry ticket seems to be problematic. In this regard the UA side asks the Commission to consider the possibility of temporary exemption of Ukraine from this</p>

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					payment.
Prepare the implementation phase of the DCFTA through the adoption of the strategy and action plan for the reform of the technical regulations system (this strategy also gives priority to the adoption of horizontal legislation of standardisation, metrology and conformity assessment)	Follow-up on this strategy through the dedicated bilateral dialogue		ENTR	Ministry of Economic Development and Trade and other involved central executive bodies	Support through CIB project advisor.  Ukrainian and EU experts developed a Strategy for technical regulation development 2018 and corresponding Action Plan. Due to Government reshuffle the law undergoes new round of interagency consultations.
Improve entrepreneurial learning, women's entrepreneurship and enterprise skills	Support the Ukrainian proposal of the creation of an Entrepreneurial Learning Centre in Ukraine – which would be to the benefit of all Eastern Partnership countries		ENTR	State Service on Entrepreneurship Ministry of Economic Development and Trade	

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<p>gas supplies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Importance of increasing transparency and the flow of information</li> <li>• Need to address the issue of energy prices in Ukraine (discussed in the context of the IMF loan) while addressing social aspects (identification and protection of vulnerable customers).</li> <li>• Modernisation of Ukraine's Gas Transit System and reform of NJSC "Naftogaz of Ukraine" in accordance with the commitments undertaken after the Investment Conference on the Modernisation of Ukraine's GTS (Brussels, 2009)</li> </ul>	<p>together with the Commission to assess the technical capabilities for the reverse flows of the natural gas.</p> <p>Provide support on the joint modernization and exploitation of Ukraine's gas transportation system.</p>				<p>Participation in the European transparency platform created by Gas Storage Europe.</p> <p>Gas prices increase with measures to protect vulnerable customers.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Efficient use of energy resources, including the development of the relevant law of Ukraine Economic Development, State Energy Efficiency Agency, other central government bodies</li> </ul>					
<b>Implementation of the Commission/World Bank Trust Fund</b>	Provide technical assistance on restructuring and market reform of Naftogas and the establishment of a Project Implementation Unit within Naftogas to assist in the implementation of the first loans from the IFI's. This could facilitate a first loan for the modernisation of the gas transmission system (from the EIB and EBRD).	2014	ENER/DEVCO	Ministry of Energy,  NCER (upon agreement)	Importance of Ukraine outlining its plans for the reform of the Ukrainian gas sector (empowering Ukrtransgaz as a fully-fledged TSO - transmission system operator - legislative regulation of independence of Regulator etc) and disclosing all the reports that have been prepared for Naftogas by their contractor

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					concerning the reform of the company.
<b>Address the remaining sector specific barriers to investments</b> by major energy companies in Ukraine's upstream hydrocarbons sector	In this context, the Commission will continue to engage with the energy and financial companies active in Ukraine.	2014	ENER	Ministry of Energy and Coal Industry  Ministry of Ecology and Mineral Resources	Resume the Consultative Committee that was proposed at the EU-Ukraine Gas Market Round Table of 3rd May 2013 (European Commission, Ministry of Energy and Coal Industry, stakeholders from EU and Ukraine).
<b>Ukraine's membership in the Energy Community</b> , including the implementation of obligations to the Energy Community Treaty, as well as adequate presidency to the Energy Community in 2014	Expert assistance from the EU in preparing of the necessary legislation	2014	ENER	Ministry of Energy and Coal Industry; other involved central executive bodies	

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<b>Reform of the electricity sector</b> , including the preparation and implementation of the secondary legislation, necessary for the proper implementation of the Law of Ukraine "On the basis of the electricity market of Ukraine", adapting the legal framework on common rules for the internal electricity market in accordance with the requirements of Directive 2003/54/EC.	<p>EU expertise could be provided.</p> <p>(Electricity Twinning project with NERC under preparation)</p> <p>Ongoing Budget Support puts one focus on environmental aspects of coal-fired power plants – Energy Community requirements; first goal: establishment of National Emissions Reduction Plan in 2014 (NERP)</p>	2014-2017	ENER/ DEVCO	<p>Ministry of Energy and Coal Industry</p> <p>(National Commission on State Regulation in the Energy Sphere, by agreement)</p>	
<b>Feasibility study on the synchronous interconnection of the Ukrainian and Moldovan power systems into the continental European power system</b> (ENTSO-E).	This study benefits from considerable support from the EU.	2014-2015	ENER	<p>Ministry of Energy and Coal Industry</p> <p>(National Commission on State Regulation in the Energy Sphere, by agreement)</p>	

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<b>Reform of the coal sector</b>  Heavy state subsidies, taking into account the need to address the social and regional impact.  The introduction of new technologies for the production of gas synthesis, coal-water fuel, gasoline and diesel fuel using domestic coal in order to diversify the risks of natural gas and oil import from one supplier.	Providing grants for an independent audit of coal mining enterprises.  Providing new technologies and finished projects on construction of companies for the use of coal.	2014-2020	ENER	Ministry of Energy and Coal Industry	
<b>Stepping up energy efficiency</b> including drafting and implementation of the necessary secondary legislation, including the Cabinet of Ministers Resolution "On approval of the National Action Plan	A technical assistance project is ongoing to build the capacity of the staff at the Ukrainian State Agency for Energy Efficiency.  Significant funds have been provided for	2014	ENER/DEVCO	Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, State Agency for Energy Efficiency, other executive authorities	

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for Energy Efficiency by 2020" and the Cabinet of Ministers Resolution "On approval of action plans for the implementation of Directive 2006/32/EC, Directive and Directive 2010/31/EU and Directive 2010/30/EU "(within the framework of Ukraine's commitments in the Energy Community.	<p>District Heating Energy Efficiency under E5P Fund.</p> <p>Launching of the EU sector budget support on energy efficiency and energy conservation.</p> <p>Launching of the EU sector budget support on renewable energy and alternative fuels.</p>	<p>2015 – 2020</p> <p>2015 - 2020</p>	<p>ENER</p> <p>ENER</p>	State Agency for Energy Efficiency, other executive authorities	
<b>Renewable energy development</b> , including drafting and implementation of the necessary secondary legislation, including the National Action Plan on Renewable Energy by 2020, as well as an action plan for the implementation of Directive 2009/28/EU of	Expert assistance from the EU in preparing of the necessary legislation	2014		Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, other executive authorities, National Commission on State Regulation in the Energy Sphere (by agreement)	

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the European Parliament and of the Council of the EU of 23 April 2009 on the promotion of the use of energy produced from renewable sources, which amends Directives 2001/77/EU and 2003/30/EU (within the framework of Ukraine's commitments in the Energy Community)					
<b>Addressing nuclear safety needs, including improvement of the system of radioactive wastes (RW), decommissioning of the Chernobyl NPP and the transformation of "Shelter" into an ecologically safe system</b>	Provision of continued assistance		DEVCO (INSC)/ENER	State Agency for Management of the Exclusion Zone, Ministry of Energy and Coal Industry of Ukraine, State Nuclear Regulatory Inspectorate, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources	Implementation of projects on radioactive waste management will be done in accordance with the strategic roadmap for the radio waste sector
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<b>Improve infrastructure on the Eastern partnership transport network infrastructure on the territory of Ukraine in accordance with the Trans-European transport network (TEN-T)</b>	Explore further possibilities for financing through Neighbourhood Investment Facility (NIF) and loans by International Financial Institutions, possibly using mixed mechanisms. The EU will provide all the relevant technical assistance (e. g. feasibility and technical studies, environmental impact assessments, etc).	Progress will be assessed on a regular basis in Eastern Partnership transport panels and ministerial conferences	MOVE/DEVCO/EEAS/IFI's (EIB, EBRD in particular)	Ministry of Infrastructure	
<b>Enhance regulatory convergence across transport modes</b>  <i>These actions will foster the development of the different transport sector dimensions, including as regards interoperability between modes and between the EU and</i>	Take full advantage of the technical assistance provided by the EU, of the trainings provided by the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) and of the work of both the Electronic registry of	Progress will be assessed on a regular basis in Eastern Partnership transport panels and ministerial conferences	MOVE/DEVCO/EEAS	Ministry of Infrastructure	

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<i>Ukraine, and thus ensure a sustainable economic growth.</i>	<p>road Undertakings (ERU) working groups and the contact group between the European Railway Agency (ERA) and the Organisation for Cooperation between Railways (OSJD).</p> <p>EU will provide the relevant technical assistance in view of the proper implementation of the transport chapter of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement regarding road, rail, maritime and inland waterways (for aviation see below). This assistance will cover technical standards and capacity-building including sharing of experience and</p>				

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	trainings.				
Signature and implementation of the <b>EU-Ukraine Common Aviation Area Agreement</b> (CAA) in view of integrating Ukraine, a major player in the EU internal market for aviation, involving both opening up of the air services markets and a parallel process of Ukrainian legislation alignment with EU aviation standards and requirements.	CAA to be signed by 5 June 2014 at the latest, in the margins of the Transport Council in Luxembourg.	Progress in implementation to be followed within Joint Committees	MOVE	Ministry of infrastructure of Ukraine  State Aviation Service of Ukraine (SASU)	
<b>Ensure alignment with the EU aviation legislation</b> , identify areas requiring closer cooperation and technical assistance.	The EU to provide technical assistance and expertise to ensure proper implementation of the CAA Agreement and EU legislation in the field of aviation.	Progress in implementation to be followed within Joint Committees	MOVE	Ministry of infrastructure of Ukraine  State Aviation Service of Ukraine (SASU)	

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<p><b>Facilitate the trade of aeronautical products and services between the EU and Ukraine</b>, through convergence of the Ukrainian airworthiness certification system with the one of the EU (pertaining in particular to aircraft, parts and appliances as well as maintenance organisations). Two steps should be undertaken:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Conclusion and implementation of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to achieve such convergence, with the assistance of the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA).</li> <li>2. On this basis envisage the conclusion of a Bilateral Aviation</li> </ol>	<p>MoU to be signed together with the CAA by 5 June 2014. Expected duration of the MoU 5 years. Prolongation could be envisaged if needed.</p> <p>The EU to provide the necessary financial assistance for the implementation of the MoU involved actions.</p>	<p>Progress in implementation to be followed within Joint Committees</p>	<p>MOVE/EASA</p>	<p>Ministry of infrastructure of Ukraine</p> <p>State Aviation Service of Ukraine (SASU)</p>	

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Safety Agreement facilitating the respective aeronautical certification processes.					
<b>Enhance the cooperation between Ukraine and the EASA</b> by means of two working arrangements (the one providing for an extension of the existing arrangement to air traffic management, the other regarding the participation of Ukraine in the EU Safety Assessment of Foreign Aircraft Programme).	To be signed together with the CAA by 5 June 2014.	Progress in implementation to be followed within Joint Committees	MOVE/EASA	Ministry of infrastructure of Ukraine  State Aviation Service of Ukraine (SASU)	
<b>9. Education, Scientific and Technological Cooperation</b>					
<b>Improve scientific, technological and innovative cooperation</b>  Prolongation of the Agreement between the European Community and Ukraine on Scientific	Fulfilment of the legal procedures specified by the Sides' legislature for the Agreement	October 2014	RTD	Ministry of Education and Science,  State Agency of Science, Innovation and	

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<p>and Technological Cooperation.</p> <p>Participation of Ukraine in the EU Programme on Research and Innovation "Horizon 2020".</p> <p>Elaboration of the Ukraine-EU Action Plan on Scientific and Technological cooperation.</p>	<p>prolongation</p> <p>Holding consultations on preparation of Memorandum on the associate participation of Ukraine in "Horizon 2020" and its signing</p> <p>Holding consultations on elaboration of the Plan</p>	<p>July 2014</p> <p>During 2014</p>		<p>Informatization,</p> <p>Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	
<p><b>Enhance academic cooperation and student and staff mobility</b></p> <p><b>Support the reform and modernisation of higher education</b>, in particular enhancing quality, relevance and access to education.</p> <p>Promote convergence in</p>	<p>Support the modernisation of higher education system and increase the support to mobility flows to European Union for students, teachers, university staff through the specific actions of the Erasmus+</p>	<p>Launch of the Erasmus+ call for applications in September.</p> <p>Organisation of awareness raising events about cooperation opportunities through Erasmus+ by the National</p>	EAC	<p>Ministry of Education and Science</p> <p>Ukrainian universities</p> <p>National Erasmus+ Office (funded by the Commission)</p> <p>Network of the</p>	

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<p>higher education, deriving from the Bologna process and the EU higher education modernisation agenda.</p> <p>A new law of higher education will be discussed.</p>	<p>programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- student and staff mobility for a short term mobility (credit mobility) or a complete university degree (joint degrees);</li> <li>- capacity building projects for universities supporting curriculum development and reform of university governance.</li> </ul>	<p>Tempus Office (dates will be determined once the exact date of the call is confirmed).</p>		<p>Erasmus Mundus Alumni Association (funded by the Commission)</p>	