

Joint statement

Renewables to Power post-war Ukraine





Joint statement from the Ukrainian and European Solar and Wind Energy Associations

Russia's unprovoked and unjustified military aggression against Ukraine, which we condemn in the strongest possible terms, has brought shocking destruction and human suffering to Ukraine. The European Solar and Wind community stands in firm solidarity with the people of Ukraine.

The impact of the Russian war is felt across the continent, with major socio-economic and geo-political upheaval in Europe, and around the world. The crisis is exacerbated by international dependency on fossil fuels – a vulnerability which is explicitly weaponised by the Kremlin.

As we look to the future, and rebuilding a strong and sovereign Ukraine, we call for renewable energy to be the core of Ukrainian reconstruction and recovery. Disentangling Europe and Ukraine from Russian fossil fuels will free Ukraine, and the continent, from energy as geopolitical leverage. Solar and wind, as the most affordable and scalable technologies, will support the country's independence and prosperity going forward.

Ukraine has huge wind and solar potential. Significantly speeding-up the Ukrainian renewable roll-out will end Ukraine's reliance on Russian fossil fuels, in line with the European Union's REPowerEU agenda, and accelerate Ukraine's coal phase-out, in line with Ukraine's commitment at the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26).

We, the signatories of this statement, call on the leaders from Ukraine and the European Union to embrace renewables and renewable hydrogen in Ukraine's post-war reconstruction by setting a target of at least 50% of renewables in electricity production by 2030, through a combination of rooftop and ground-mounted solar, as well as onshore and offshore wind.

To achieve these goals, Ukraine and the EU should set up a strong and sustained technological, industrial, and investment partnership. To drive the necessary investments in renewables, and in a resilient and fully synchronised electricity grid. We, therefore, call on the leaders from Ukraine and the European Union to set up a dedicated "Renewables for Ukraine" vehicle as part of the joint Strategic Reconstruction Plan and the Ukraine reconstruction platform.