



Foreign Affairs Council

23 June 2025, Brussels

The June Foreign Affairs Council will start at 9.30 in Brussels, and be chaired by the EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, **Kaja Kallas**.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, **Andrii Sybiha**, will attend the meeting in person. After his intervention, the Council will discuss the latest developments related to the **Russian aggression against Ukraine**.

The Council will then exchange views on **China and European security**.

Lastly, Ministers are expected to discuss **the situation in the Middle East and Libya**.

Under current affairs, the High Representative will refer to the recent developments in **Georgia**.

In the margins of the Council

The Foreign Affairs Council will be preceded by an **informal breakfast** organised by the Polish Minister of Foreign Affairs, to discuss the latest developments in nuclear proliferation including the situation in Iran with IAEA Director General Rafael **Mariano Grossi**.

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Doorstep of the High Representative: +/- 9.00

Press conference: +/- 16.30

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Russian aggression against Ukraine

The EU27 discussion on the Russian aggression against Ukraine will be preceded by an intervention of the Ukrainian Minister of Foreign Affairs, **Andrii Sybiha**, who will join the meeting in person to provide an overview of ongoing diplomatic developments, the situation on the ground, and Ukraine's most urgent priorities.

In the ensuing internal exchange, the High Representative will update the Council on her initiative on **ammunition** support to Ukraine. Ministers are expected to exchange on the latest plans to enhance **military support to Ukraine**, **EU security commitments** for Ukraine as well as strengthening cooperation with the defence industry in Ukraine, also in light of the recent adoption of **SAFE**, the Security Action for Europe instrument.

Ministers are expected to also touch upon restrictive measures, including on finalising the wide-ranging **18th package of economic and individual restrictive measures**.

The Council will also exchange views on **countering hybrid threats from Russia** targeting the EU and its member states. As part of this discussion, the Director of EU INTCEN, Daniel Markić, will provide a briefing.

[Text on Ukraine supported by 26 Heads of State or Government on the occasion of the Special European Council on 6 March 2025](#)

[European Council conclusions, 19 December 2024](#)

[EU response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine \(background information\)](#)

[EU solidarity with Ukraine \(background information\)](#)

China and European security

Over a working lunch, the Foreign Affairs Council will discuss relations with **China**, including China's actions that affect **EU security**, such as **China's support to Russia** and its war of aggression against Ukraine, and China's **hybrid activities** (for example Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference - **FIMI**). The Director of EU INTCEN, Daniel Markić, will provide a briefing.

Situation in the Middle East and Libya

The Foreign Affairs Council will exchange views on the situation in the Middle East, starting with an assessment of the state of play of hostilities between **Iran** and **Israel** in follow-up to the informal videoconference of Foreign Ministers on 17 June. The Council will take stock of the situation and discuss EU diplomatic efforts towards de-escalation.

Ministers will discuss the **crisis in Gaza**, where the humanitarian situation remains catastrophic. Ministers will discuss Israel's compliance with Article 2 of the **EU-Israel** Association Agreement

Regarding **Libya**, the Council is expected to discuss how the EU can further support the UN-led mediation process with a view to a durable political solution.

[G7 Leaders' Statement on Recent Developments Between Israel And Iran, 17 June 2025](#)

[Israel/Iran: Statement by the High Representative on behalf of the European Union, 14 June 2025](#)

[European Council conclusions of 20 March 2025](#)

[EU position on the situation in the Middle East \(background information\)](#)

[EU humanitarian support for Palestinians \(background information\)](#)

Current affairs

Under current affairs, the High Representative will refer to **Georgia**, in light of the rapidly deteriorating situation, which includes a new wave of repression targeting opposition leaders, independent broadcasters and protestors; as well as Georgian authorities spreading disinformation on the EU and its member states.

[Georgia \(background information\)](#)

Council conclusions and other decisions

The Council is expected to approve conclusions setting out the **priorities** that the EU will follow **at the upcoming 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly** (September 2025 – September 2026).

The Council will also approve **conclusions on Syria**, providing political guidance for the EU common approach towards the new interim authorities and in support for an inclusive transition, including the gradual and reversible approach on lifting of economic sanctions, on the basis of the developments on the ground.

Lastly, the Council is expected to adopt new **listings under the global human rights sanctions regime**.

[EU cooperation with the United Nations \(background information\)](#)

[Protection and promotion of human rights \(background information\)](#)

[Syria \(background information\)](#)