



Background brief

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Foreign Affairs Council (Defence)

11 February 2026, Brussels

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Chair: Kaja Kallas, EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

Starting time: 16:30

Media opportunities:

- Doorstep of the High Representative: +/- 16.00

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Main agenda topics:

The Foreign Affairs Council with EU defence ministers will discuss **EU support to Ukraine** with a focus on **cooperation in defence innovation**.

This will include an exchange of views with the **Minister of Defence of Ukraine**, Mykhailo Fedorov.

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EU defence ministers will also have an informal discussion on the **outlook for 2026** and its implications on EU security and defence.

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EU support to Ukraine

Defence ministers will discuss EU support for Ukraine against the background of the latest developments on the ground and ongoing diplomatic efforts to reach a just and lasting peace backed by robust security guarantees. Discussions are expected to focus on strengthening **cooperation in defence Innovation**.

The Ukrainian Minister of Defence, **Mykhailo Fedorov**, is invited to address the Council at the beginning of the meeting and is expected to share relevant lessons learned in terms of innovation in the context of the Russian aggression against Ukraine. In addition, Minister Fedorov will likely address issues such as Ukraine's urgent battlefield needs, defence financing under the Ukraine Support Loan, and bilateral military assistance.

The Council is also expected to touch on the issue of **financing**, against the backdrop of ongoing work on the Ukraine Support Loan package, providing a total of €90 billion to Ukraine until 2027, of which €60 billion for defence (Permanent Representatives agreed the Council's position on 4 February), and on private financing, including through the European Investment Bank.

In addition, the High Representative will provide an update on work to define the EU's contribution to **security guarantees**, including the possible reinforcement of existing **CSDP missions**.

As stated in the text supported by 26 Heads of State or Government on the occasion of the European Council on 18 December, the European Council reaffirms its continued and unwavering support for Ukraine's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognised borders. The European Union will continue to provide, in coordination with like-minded partners and allies, comprehensive political, financial, economic, humanitarian, military and diplomatic support to Ukraine and its people.

The EU supports a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in Ukraine based on the principles of the UN Charter and international law. The EU welcomes the ongoing diplomatic efforts to put an end to the war and urges Russia to agree to a full, unconditional and immediate ceasefire.

The EU and its member states are ready to contribute to robust and credible security guarantees for Ukraine, notably through the Coalition of the Willing and in cooperation with the United States.

[Council agrees position on legal framework to provide €90 billion in financial support to Ukraine, 4 February 2026](#)

[Text on Ukraine supported by 26 Head of State and Government on the occasion of the European Council on 18 December 2025](#)

[Russia's war against Ukraine \(background information\)](#)

[EU military support for Ukraine \(background information\)](#)

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Related events

Outlook 2026

In the evening of 11 February 2026, EU defence ministers will hold an informal discussion over a working dinner on the **outlook for 2026** and its implications for EU security and defence. The discussion will follow the one held by EU Foreign Affairs Ministers at the Foreign Affairs Council on 29 January.

[Foreign Affairs Council, 29 January 2026.](#)