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New Economic Competence for Europe



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**We Europeans stand together  
Ukraine is part of Europe**

With this statement we from the European Taxpayers Association and the European Economic Senate would like to express our solidarity with our colleagues, friends and partners in Ukraine.

We deeply regret the developments in recent years and the increasing pressure from Russia on independent Ukraine, which is now in substantial danger of war through no fault of its own. Any military conflict with this country is rejected by us in the strongest possible terms.

We believe that it is high time we stood by Ukraine, both at European and global level, in order to peacefully enforce compliance with international treaties, while at the same time reaching out to Russia and ensuring economic development there.

The same applies unreservedly to Ukraine, which we believe is on the right track in the transformation to a market economy with democratic structures as we know them in Western Europe.

Of course, there is still a lot to be done along this path. We at the Taxpayers Association and the European Economic Senate are always ready to make our contribution.

Now, however, we must first express our hope and wish that the crisis in Ukraine will not escalate and that we will find a way back to the negotiating table in order to find a solution that is acceptable for Ukraine.

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