

EU Update: August 2023

Council of the EU

On 3 August, the Council [adopted a new round of sanctions](#) on 38 individuals and 3 entities from **Belarus** over continued human rights abuses and their involvement in **Russia's aggression against Ukraine**.

On 30 and 31 August, the Foreign Affairs Council (FAC) met informally in Toledo. EU Foreign Affairs ministers [discussed Ukraine](#) and the **Western Balkans' EU membership bid**, and the coup d'état in **Niger**. EU Defence ministers [discussed military support to Ukraine](#), and the situation in the **Sahel**.

European External Action Service (EEAS)

On 11 August, the EU [decided to deploy](#) an Election Observation Mission (EOM) to **Liberia** to observe the general elections scheduled for 10 October 2023.