

**EU Update: August 2023** 

## Council of the EU

On 3 August, the Council <u>adopted a new round of sanctions</u> 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 <u>discussed</u> **Ukraine** and the **Western Balkans' EU membership bid**, and the coup d'état in **Niger**. EU Defence ministers <u>discussed</u> **military support to Ukraine**, and the situation in the **Sahel**.

## **European External Action Service (EEAS)**

On 11 August, the EU <u>decided to deploy</u> an Election Observation Mission (EOM) to **Liberia** to observe the general elections scheduled for 10 October 2023.

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