

EU Update: October 2023

Council of the EU

In September, the Council imposed a [tenth package of sanctions](#) on individuals and entities responsible for serious human rights violations in **Iran**, [new sanctions](#) on individuals responsible for serious human rights violations in **Russia** and in the **occupied Ukrainian territories**, and [prolonged existing sanctions](#) targeting those responsible for undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of **Ukraine** until 15 March 2024.

On 25 September, the Council [adopted an assistance measure](#) under the **European Peace Facility** (EPF) worth €11.75 million to support the **Beninese Armed Forces** with intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) aircraft and unmanned air systems.

European Commission (EC)

On 18 September, the EC [released](#) €5.2 million to support **Libya** in the aftermath of the floods.

On 20 September, the EC [released](#) €140 million to support basic needs and livelihoods in the fields of education, health, agriculture and women's economic empowerment in **Afghanistan**.

On 26 September, the EC [adopted](#) a humanitarian assistance package worth €5 million in response to the increasing needs resulting from the **Nagorno-Karabakh** crisis.

European Parliament (EP)

The EP had a plenary session on 11-14 September in Strasbourg. Members [adopted resolutions](#) on the [relations with Belarus](#), [Guatemala](#), and the human rights situation in [Bangladesh](#).