

EU Update: November 2024

Council of the EU

The Foreign Affairs Council (FAC) met on 18 November in Brussels. EU Foreign Affairs ministers [discussed](#) **Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine**, the situation in the **Middle East**, **EU-US relations**, **Georgia**, and the **Horn of Africa**. They also [adopted sanctions](#) in view of **Iran's military support to Russia**.

The FAC also met in its defence configuration on 19 November. EU Defence ministers [adopted conclusions](#) on the **Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO)** strategic review, and [discussed](#) EU support to **Ukraine**, and defence readiness and preparedness.

In November, the Council also approved a series of assistance measures under the **European Peace Facility (EPF)**:

- Support to the [Egyptian Armed Forces](#) (€20 million)
- Support to the navy of the [Republic of the Congo](#) (€5 million)
- Top up to support to [Rwanda Defence Force](#) active in Northern Mozambique (€20 million)
- Support to the [Jordanian Armed Forces](#) (€13.5 million)

Common Security and Defence Policy

On 15 November, the Council adopted a [decision](#) extending the mandate of the EU Military Assistance Mission in support of Ukraine (**EUMAM Ukraine**) until 15 November 2026.

EU Special Representative

On 18 November, the Council [appointed](#) João Cravinho as **EU Special Representative (EUSR) for the Sahel region**. Mr Cravinho served as Minister of Foreign Affairs of Portugal from 2022 to 2024.

European Parliament

The European Parliament held plenary sessions on 13-14 November in Brussels, and 25-28 November in Strasbourg. MEPs adopted resolution on EU action against the **Russian shadow fleets** and ensuring a full enforcement of sanctions against Russia, **Hong Kong**, repression of women in **Iran**, the shrinking space for civil society in **Cambodia**, **Georgia's** worsening democratic crisis, and **EU support to Ukraine**.

All texts adopted are available [here](#).