

EU Update: April 2025

Council of the EU

EU Defence ministers met informally on 2-3 April in Warsaw. They discussed the **rearming** of Europe and support to **Ukraine**.

The Foreign Affairs Council (FAC) met on 14 April in Brussels. EU Foreign Affairs Ministers discussed continued military support to **Ukraine**, the situation in the **Middle East**, including **Syria**, and relations with the **African Union**. During the meeting, the Council also imposed sanctions on an additional seven individuals in relation to human rights violations in **Iran**, and adopted conclusions on **Arms Export Control**.

In April, the Council also adopted a series of assistance measures under the European Peace Facility:

Moldova: launchers and missiles; support to Moldovan Armed Forces (€60 million)

North Macedonia: diverse equipment on intelligence, surveillance, electronic warfare, vehicles and combat training (€15 million)

European Commission

In April, the Commission and Member States pledged €522 million in humanitarian aid to address the **Sudan** crisis.

The Commission also announced a €258 million aid package for the **Greater Horn of Africa** and **West and Central Africa**, and a €282.5 million aid package for the crisis in **Chad** and **Sudan**, and a €41 million aid package for people in need in **Southern Africa** and **Indian Ocean**.

On the occasion of the first ever High-Level Political Dialogue between the EU and the Palestinian Authority, the Commission proposed a multiannual programme for **Palestinian recovery and resilience** worth up to €1.6 billion.

European Parliament

The European Parliament held a plenary session on 31 March – 3 April in Strasbourg. MEPs adopted resolutions on the implementation of the 2024 annual reports on the **common foreign and security policy** and **common security and defence policy**, the prosecution of journalists in **Cameroon**, the execution spree in **Iran** and death sentences for activists, the risk of further repression by the regime in **Belarus**.

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