



Statement EPPW on Russia's ongoing military attacks on Ukraine

The EPP Women held its annual Autumn Academy on 14 and 15 October 2022 in Cluj, Romania, where over fifty leading political women from all over Europe, including female leaders from Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova, discussed the women's role in Europe's green and digital future. The event was held in the full awareness that meanwhile in Ukraine fierce Russian atrocities were taking place since already half a year as a consequence of the unjustified and illegal Russian invasion in Ukraine. Taking into account the ongoing attacks and atrocities, these leading EPPW political women fiercely condemn the ongoing Russian attacks on Ukraine. Russia's invasion has led to 7.7 million displaced persons, of whom nearly 60% women and 5% infants. The ongoing attacks have led to a disrupted global economy and rising poverty all over the world, with food becoming scarcer, dwindling energy supplies, rising prices and inflation. Russia's recent bombing of civilian infrastructure and housing blocs cause unacceptable harm and casualties among civilians. The attacks hit innocent men, women and children indiscriminately.

Therefore, EPPW:

- **Calls upon the EU and its Member States to stand united in their unwavering support for Ukraine and in our response to this unprovoked Russian aggression;**
- **Supports the initiative of the European Commission to call upon its Member States to address Ukraine's immediate needs with a view to preparing it for this winter;**
- **Calls upon the EU to act with the utmost urgency on the energy crisis, food shortage problems and rising poverty caused by the Russian aggression, in particular along three lines of action: ensuring security of energy supply, fiscal policies and containing prices of food and energy;**
- **Calls upon the European people, its churches and NGOs, among which our national EPPW member organizations, to express their solidarity with Ukraine by e.g. providing immediate humanitarian and medical aid, by supporting initiatives of women in Ukraine to strengthen the country's economy, as well as by welcoming and giving shelter to Ukrainian migrants: women, children and men who were forced to flee from their homes.**

EPPW expresses full solidarity and support for Ukraine and its people, its women and men and its girls and boys in these darkest times!

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