

West Coast Model European Union 2023

Communication from the Presidency



Heads of Government

1. **Proposal to adopt CSDP Sky Shield**

We propose officially adopting the European Sky Shield initiative as a European Union Common Security and Defense Policy project, funded at EUR 1b for 2022, EUR 2b for 2023 and EUR 3b for 2024, as an expansion of the off-budget European Peace Facility platform.

2. **Proposal to establish new Energy Resilience Fund**

We propose a EUR 50 billion Energy Resilience Fund over four years 2023-2027, with the goal of deprecating infrastructure delivering politically-influenced energy supplies in favor of green, nuclear sustainable, and/or long-term stable options. This will require a supplemental national contribution to the European Union budget, approximately a 10% increase from current contributions.

Interior Ministers

1. **Proposal to create Refugee Enhanced Solidarity Platform**

We propose an immediate transition to an enhanced Solidarity Platform, in which member states can either accept a fair share of refugees from Ukraine, as determined by relative Gross National Income, OR pay an equivalent amount into the fund for support of Ukrainian refugees in states accepting refugees in excess of their fair quota. We further propose that this mechanism be extended to all asylum-seekers arriving in the European Union as of 2024.

2. Proposal to expand Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid

We propose a significant strengthening of the EU Civil Protection Mechanism and its ability to respond to natural disasters and other adverse events in the EU and the larger world. We propose a EUR 500m increase in funding to the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO) over the remainder of the 2021-27 Financial Perspective, and an additional EUR 1B over the 2028-2034 cycle. https://civil-protection-humanitarian-aid.ec.europa.eu/what/civil-protection/european-disaster-risk-management_en#facts--figures [civil-protection-humanitarian-aid.ec.europa.eu]