

On the Fourth Anniversary of Russia's Full-Scale Invasion of Ukraine

On the fourth anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, LYMEC reaffirms its unwavering solidarity with the Ukrainian people and with all those who continue to resist Russia's illegal war of aggression.

Four years after the Kremlin launched its brutal assault, Ukraine continues to defend its sovereignty, territorial integrity, and democratic future at immense human cost. What began in February 2022 as a war outside of the European Union became a defining test for Europe and for the rules-based international order. The outcome of this war will shape not only Ukraine's future but the future of European security and the credibility of international law.

LYMEC has been clear from the first day of this invasion: Russia's aggression is a violation of the UN Charter, the Helsinki Final Act, and the fundamental principles of sovereignty and self-determination. We still stand firmly on these principles: Borders cannot be changed by force. Civilian populations cannot be terrorised into submission. War crimes cannot go unanswered.

At a time when multiple global crises compete for political attention, we must not allow fatigue to undermine our commitment. In 2026, this is not about which crisis is most visible or politically convenient. Our world is interconnected. When one autocratic regime is allowed to wage war without consequence, it emboldens others. Russia's full-scale invasion must never become a blueprint for future acts of aggression - whether in Europe or beyond.

Ukraine is defending the very foundations of a free Europe. 12 years since the invasion of Crimea and eastern Donbas, 4 years since the full-scale invasion, Ukraine is defending the very foundations of a free Europe. We honour the soldiers defending their homeland, the civilians who have lost their lives, the families displaced, and the countless individuals who continue to rebuild amid destruction.

This anniversary is not only a moment of remembrance. It is a moment of responsibility. We call on European leaders, institutions, and citizens: Do not allow this war to fade into the background. Do not allow authoritarian aggression to be normalised. Do not allow fatigue to dictate policy.

The defence of Ukraine is the defence of Europe.
The defence of Europe is the defence of freedom.

LYMEC will continue to stand with Ukraine. Today, tomorrow, and for as long as it takes.

Slava Ukraini!