

# Accelerating Ukraine's Membership to the EU

The Council of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Party, convening in Helsinki, Finland on June 27–28, 2025:

## Acknowledges:

- Ukraine's firm commitment to EU membership, affirmed by its role in the European family during the full-scale war.
- The resilience of Ukrainians and their commitment to democracy, demonstrated on the battlefield and through reforms, including anti-corruption and rule of law.
- Denmark's EU Council Presidency commitment to advance Ukraine's accession, based on continued reforms and compliance with the Copenhagen criteria.
- Ukraine's readiness for ceasefire, reaffirming its commitment to a just peace.
- Strategic importance of Ukraine for Europe's stability and security.

## Regrets that:

- A non-binding unanimity practice slows accession progress and undermines its credibility.
- Hungary obstructs Ukraine's accession and undermines European unity.
- None of the accession clusters has been opened, risking public trust in reforms and EU enlargement.
- Pressure on Russia remains insufficient to compel it to real peace talks.

## Calls on:

- The EU Commission to develop a credible roadmap for Ukraine's accession, with benchmarks, timelines and enhanced support.
- EU members to uphold unity supporting Ukraine's merit-based integration, making it ready for the 2029 EP elections.
- All parties to commit to opening all clusters for Ukraine by the end of 2025.
- Ukraine to continue reforms to fully meet the Copenhagen Criteria and remove remaining obstacles to EU accession.
- The EU Commission and the EU member states to be strict and fair and strengthen the support for Ukraine's anti-corruption bodies and ensure independent monitoring of reforms.
- A review of accession process to make it more transparent and fit for all candidates.
- Increased international pressure, including sanctions, enhanced military support and confiscation of Russian assets to compel Russia to a just peace.
- Support for the work of the Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression and for the release of war prisoners as well as returning forcefully deported Ukrainian children.