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The EU reaffirms its continued and unwavering support for Ukraine's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognised borders. Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine and its repercussions for European and global security constitute an existential challenge for the EU.

In 2021, the EU and Ukraine signed a strategic partnership on the critical raw materials (CRM) sector. This agreement supports the EU's commitment in diversifying and securing the supply chains for CRM resources, with a view to the EU's goal of sustainable growth and energy security.

The Partnership is important in advancing the EU's green and digital transitions, enhancing competitiveness, and increasing the resilience of both EU and Ukrainian industries. The cooperation between the two partners is mutually beneficial and based on EU standards.

The Partnership roadmap extending into 2025-2026 outlines a comprehensive strategy for cooperation.

In the implementation of the Strategic Partnership, the Commission is engaged in a series of technical assistance projects, most notably with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Further, an EU-led technical assistance project will support the implementation of the roadmap.