



One year on: AmChams in Europe steadfast in support for the people of Ukraine

Friday, 24 February 2023 – One year ago, Russia invaded Ukraine, violating international law, endangering peace and security across the region and causing unspeakable suffering. As the war rages on, AmChams in Europe – the umbrella organisation for 46 AmChams in 44 countries across Europe and Eurasia – continues to stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine, as we have since 24 February 2022. Our thoughts remain with all those impacted, including our fellow AmCham colleagues, their members, partners and families.

Our network brings together individuals and organisations with deep ties across Europe and Eurasia, and around the world. In the last year, our Chambers and member companies have used these connections to directly support relief efforts through a range of initiatives, including fundraising, collecting and distributing goods, and more. Many have also contributed to programmes welcoming those displaced by the war.

In the midst of the ongoing crisis, we applaud governments on both sides of the Atlantic for their unity and commitment to the people of Ukraine. The public and private sectors should be prepared to play an important role in supporting the country's future economic prosperity and planning for its reconstruction. Ensuring respect for the rule of law will be critical to enable meaningful engagement from all stakeholders. In the face of the senseless loss of human lives, we must also continue to remain engaged and speak out for democratic values and the defence of human dignity.

AmChams in Europe serves as the umbrella organisation for 46 American Chambers of Commerce (AmChams) from 44 countries throughout Europe and Eurasia. In Europe, they represent the interests of more than 17,000 American and European companies employing 20 million workers and accounting for more than \$1.1 trillion in investment on both sides of the Atlantic. As a bilateral voice of American and European companies, AmChams in Europe works to communicate the importance of the transatlantic economy in both Europe and the United States.

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