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The Greens/EFA call on Council to take decisive action on climate change

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Tomorrow and on Friday, the European Union heads of state and government will meet at the European Council Summit in Brussels. The Greens/EFA call for a strong signal of unity and solidarity with Ukraine and demand answers to skyrocketing energy prices. In addition, ahead of the UN Climate Conference in Sharm El Sheik later this year, the Council must decide on concrete binding measures to keep the climate promises made in Glasgow to limit global warming.

Terry Reintke, President of the Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament, comments:

"The European Council must continue showing strong support and unity, both internally and externally, for Ukraine. We Greens/EFA strongly condemn the Russian missile attacks on Ukrainian civilians. The EU Member States must hit the Russian President where it hurts with further sanctions and, in European unity, supply Ukraine with the weapons it needs."

"The Russian president wants to use energy and disinformation as a weapon to divide our societies, spread fear and destabilize our democracy. The Greens/EFA call on all democrats to defend the stability and strength of European democracy. Cooperation with right-wing extremists must remain a taboo."

Phillippe Lamberts, President of the Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament, comments:

"The Greens/EFA call on the heads of state and government to respond to skyrocketing energy prices by introducing a massive investment programme. A dynamic gas price cap will not be enough to end social inequalities. Now is the time to terminate the toxic dependence on Russian oil and gas and focus on investments in renewables."

"We call on the Council to agree on concrete binding measures to limit global warming ahead of the UN Climate Conference in Sharm El Sheik. States responsible for the climate crisis must keep the Glasgow climate promise and pay for the loss and damages people suffer from floods, heatwaves and droughts."

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