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**EU Press release**

**EU welcomes progress in reforms in Ukraine**

The ninth meeting of the EU-Ukraine Co-operation Council took place today, 13 June, in Luxembourg. The meeting allowed both sides to review the progress achieved in the implementation of the EU-Ukraine Action Plan since the endorsement of this Plan by the “Special” EU Ukraine Cooperation Council meeting of 21 February.

The two sides expressed satisfaction at the strengthening of EU-Ukraine relations resulting from progress made to date by Ukraine in its reform efforts and looked forward to deeper and stronger relations as further genuine progress is made in carrying out internal reforms and adopting European standards.

The Co-operation Council welcomed the progress achieved so far on the implementation of the EU-Ukraine Action Plan and looked forward to further progress in areas such as political, economic and social reforms; justice and home affairs, trade, market and regulatory reform; transport, energy, information society, environment and people-to-people contacts. The Cooperation Council also identified the challenges ahead, in particular the need for further progress in the economic domain.

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The Co-operation Council also welcomed the progress achieved in foreign and security policy. Both parties expressed their intention to intensify further the cooperation on issues of regional security and stability.

The EU stressed the importance of consolidating the democratic achievements in Ukraine and underlined its support for the reform agenda of the Ukrainian government.

The EU was represented by Mr Asselborn, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Luxembourg, High Representative Solana and Commissioner Ferrero-Waldner. Deputy Prime Minister Rybachuk led the Ukrainian delegation.

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