Association of Polish Cities petition

**concerning Ukrainian European Union membership**

Local residents and communities, and civic organisations active in Polish cities, towns and villages have offered care and continue providing unprecedented assistance to millions of Ukrainian war refugees. To the extent possible and with solidarity-based support from the entire European Union, we wish to provide them with a life of dignity in Poland without neglecting the growing needs of our brothers in Ukraine, who are fighting for the freedom of their homeland and all of Europe.

We are hereby petitioning for representatives of the Polish government to appeal to the Council of the European Union for immediate approval of Ukraine’s motion to grant it EU candidate status. The European Parliament adopted a resolution with regard to Russian aggression against Ukraine on 1 March 2022 by a landslide (637 votes in favour, 13 votes against, 26 votes of abstention), calling for the EU institutions to work towards granting EU candidate status to Ukraine, in line with Article 49 of the Treaty on European Union.

We are hereby petitioning for European local government organisations we are members of, and to mayors / presidents of towns and cities throughout Europe to file similar appeals with their respective governments. This is a key condition to providing Ukraine with effective aid, as it struggles for our continent’s future.

Starogard Gdański, 13 May 2022

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