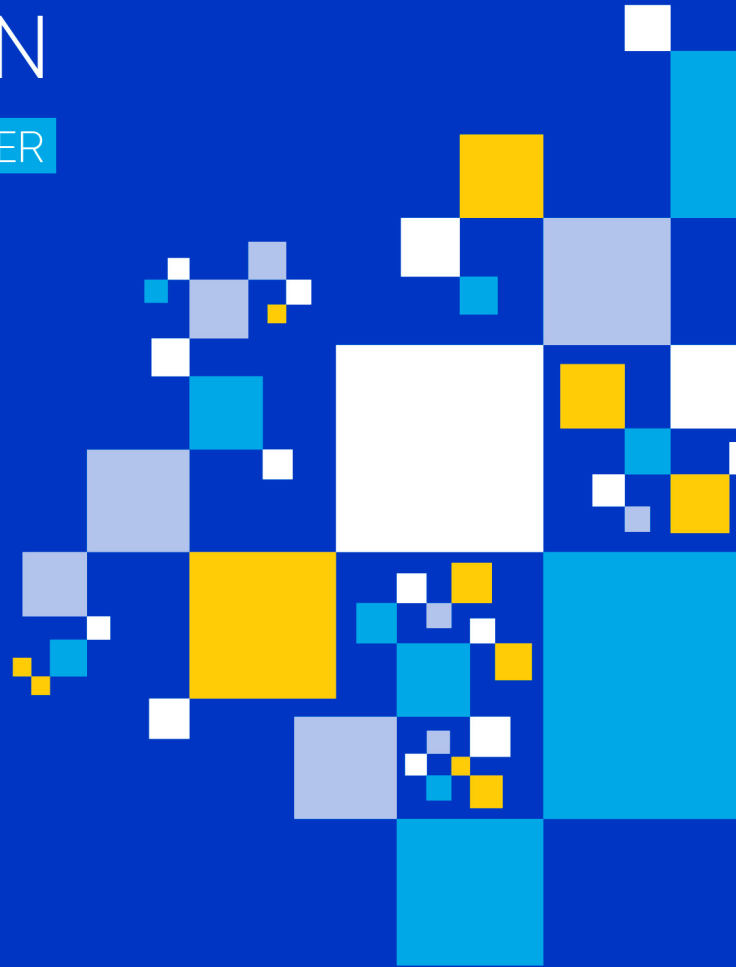


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Estonia stands on the frontline of the European Union. We in Renew Europe stand in full solidarity with Estonia and all frontline states. We condemn Russia's escalating provocations, including drone attacks and air incursions, notably in Poland, Romania, Estonia, Denmark, Lithuania and Latvia as well as in other Member States, along with cyberattacks and sabotages of European infrastructure. All which demand adequate deterrence. Further work is necessary on Russian oil and gas dependency, shadow fleet and on visas. Sanctions need to be tightened and enforced; circumvention of sanctions must be reduced to zero. Nevertheless, urgent action is needed to create a genuine European Defence Union. The following steps can directly make a difference:

European sky shield and nuclear deterrence. Europe must independently defend its skies and guarantee ultimate security for its citizens. Renew Europe calls for the rapid development of a European Sky Shield Initiative to provide credible air and missile defence to all EU citizens, including Ukrainians. Unidentified flying objects must be taken down. In parallel, we must make progress on how existing European nuclear deterrents can strengthen Europe's security.

Defend Europe, support Ukraine. We reaffirm our unwavering commitment to Ukraine and believe security guarantees from the coalition of the willing, including future EU membership, are a necessary step for a fair and lasting peace. US support can no longer be taken for granted: we call for sustained military, financial and political support to Ukraine; as much as it takes, for as long as it takes. EU must rapidly adopt a reparation loan using the full value of Russian frozen assets to support Ukraine, backed by EU governments.

A European Defence Union and the NATO pillar. The EU must develop the capacity to defend itself and deter threats. It also means strengthening the security in the Baltic sea and the whole Eastern frontline. Negotiations on EDIP must be completed rapidly. We call for a genuine European Defence Union, built on joint procurement, interoperable armed forces, and investment in strategic defence industries. Renew Europe demands concrete and urgent steps to set up a European pillar of NATO with a clear priority to tackle the Russian threat while respecting Member States' constitutional requirements.

European Intelligence and cyber resilience. Today's threats transcend soldiers and tanks. Renew Europe calls for the establishment of a European intelligence platform for foreign intelligence collection as well as to, inter alia, detect, analyse and counter foreign interference and hybrid attacks. Renew Europe reiterates once more the need for the establishment of an EU cyber defence coordination centre to monitor, detect and respond to cyber threats in real time.

Shield our democracies, Educate for resilience. Direct and indirect foreign interference by State and non-State actors in our democracies is contributing to societal and political polarisation and the rise of extremism. The Commission must urgently deliver a full European Democracy Shield and effectively implement EU digital legislation. Estonia's cybersecurity excellence should be rolled out across the Union. True democratic resilience starts in school. Renew Europe today proposes that all school children across the EU be taught disinformation resilience, modelled on the successful curricula of Estonia and Finland. Estonia's media literacy programmes, and Finland's multiliteracy approach show that well informed citizens are the strongest safeguard of democracy. Renew Europe calls on the Commission to set up a dedicated fund to protect the integrity of information, to support media plurality through the full implementation of the European Freedom Media Act, to support NGOs and independent media in candidate countries.

Military mobility and border protection. Freedom on the offensive. Renew Europe demands action, not just words. Estonia's frontline is Europe's frontline and we stand with all Estonian people and the whole Baltic region and EU's Eastern frontline. Together, we shall defend our citizens and borders, protect our freedom and secure our future.

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