

## **EEA Consultative Committee expresses its solidarity with the Ukrainian social partners and civil society**

The EEA Consultative Committee, consisting of social partners from the EEA EFTA States Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway, and social partners and civil society from the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) met on 10-11 May 2022 for their annual EEA CC meeting in Bergen Norway.

The EEA CC condemns the unprovoked and illegal Russian aggression against Ukraine. It lends its support to the [resolution](#) adopted at the EESC plenary on 24 March and the [statement](#) of the EFTA States from 19 March 2022.

It urges all EEA States, both EU Member States and the EEA EFTA States, to sustain solidarity with the people of Ukraine and to continue imposing sanctions against Russia and Belarus. While it expresses its grief for the victims of the aggression and the millions that have been forced to leave their homes, it welcomes the approach providing means of evacuation, shelter, emergency assistance, medical assistance and asylum to people fleeing the war in Ukraine.

The EEA Consultative Committee further calls for enhanced support for Ukrainian civil society both inside and outside of Ukraine and encourages further collaboration with civil society of the EEA and Ukraine. Ukrainian civil society actors will be vital in the rebuilding of the Ukrainian economy and the EEA social partners and civil society actors encourage the EEA States to financially support civil society actors in Ukraine.

More information on the 30<sup>th</sup> meeting of the EEA Consultative Committee is available [here](#).