

## **TEPSA Recommendations to the Swedish Presidency of the Council of the European Union**

*On 1 December 2022, the TEPSA Recommendations to the incoming  
Swedish Presidency of the Council of the EU were presented to key national policy makers.*

STOCKHOLM, 05/12/2022: On the occasion of TEPSA and the Swedish Institute of International Affairs' Swedish Pre-Presidency Conference, the TEPSA Recommendations to the upcoming Swedish Presidency of the Council of the European Union were formally presented.

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine is causing a "perfect storm" for Europe: economic turbulence and energy shortages, the need to respond to Russia as a systemic enemy as well as an aggressor in Ukraine, and China reinforcing itself as a global economic competitor. In this context, TEPSA Board Members **Nicoletta Pirozzi** (Istituto Affari Internazionali), **Funda Tekin** (Institut Für Europäische Politik) and **Ilke Toygür** (Center for Strategic and International Studies) have coordinated a set of recommendations among leading experts from the TEPSA Network.

Detailed recommendations cover the main areas where the incoming Presidency must take action, including on energy and climate policy, in which authors **Aleksandra Palkova** (Latvian Institute of International Affairs) and **Marco Siddi** (Finnish Institute of International Affairs) argue the EU must push towards implementing the main goals of the REPowerEU Plan to accelerate the green transition. To make Europe a more capable security actor, **Kristi Raik** (Estonian Foreign Policy Institute) calls for the EU to coordinate with Member States to increase cooperation in defence policy. **Peter Bosch** (Egmont Institute) and **Eleonora Milazzo** (Egmont Institute & European Policy Centre) argue the incoming Swedish Presidency must promote the elaboration of a long-term strategy for migration and asylum management, beyond the emergency response phase, communicating the benefits of coordinate action in migration and asylum policy. Finally, **Olga Pyshchulina**, **Vasyl Yurchyshyn**, **Oleksiy Melnyk** (Razumkov Centre) and **Ramūnas Vilpišauskas** (Vilnius University) call for the EU to increase its efforts to support Ukraine in resisting the Russian aggression, in defence terms, economic terms, and to stimulate the return of refugees in order to facilitate the rebuilding of Ukraine.

**Jessika Roswall**, Swedish Minister for EU Affairs, thanked TEPSA for presenting their network's recommendations, noting **"We must aid Ukraine's resistance for Russia in a unified manner across a number of areas, and in cooperation with international allies"**.

You can read the TEPSA Recommendations [here](#).

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