

EU Weekly EU Political Pulse: Ukraine Accession, Economic Shifts, and Sanctions

European Union Politics · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Which two countries had their accession negotiations formally opened by the EU on June 15th?

- A) Ukraine and Moldova**
- B) Georgia and Armenia
- C) North Macedonia and Serbia
- D) Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo

2. What significant economic policy adjustment did the EU recently agree to extend to nearly 400 new types of steel and aluminium imports?

- A) Carbon border tax (CBAM)**
- B) Digital trade agreement
- C) AI research funding
- D) Renewable energy subsidies

3. The European Central Bank (ECB) recently raised interest rates for the first time since 2023. What was a primary reason cited for this decision?

- A) Surging energy costs and persistent inflation risks**
- B) A slowdown in technological innovation
- C) Decreased consumer spending
- D) Increased unemployment rates

4. The EU has unveiled its 21st sanctions package against Russia. Which of the following is a key target area mentioned in this package?

- A) Russia's energy sector and financial networks**
- B) Russian cultural exports
- C) Imports of Russian agricultural products
- D) Russian tourism to EU member states

5. The EU and the Republic of Korea recently held their 11th Summit. What key agreement was signed to enhance digital trade between the two entities?

- A) A Digital Trade Agreement**
- B) A joint space exploration pact
- C) A fisheries agreement
- D) An agricultural cooperation treaty

6. What major geopolitical tool did EU leaders emphasize as being crucial for a stronger and safer Europe, particularly in relation to Ukraine and Moldova's accession talks?

A) Enlargement

- B) Increased military spending
- C) Trade protectionism
- D) Cultural exchange programs

7. The EU is working on revising competition rules to achieve what specific economic goal?

A) To spur consolidation and loaning billions to juice demand

- B) To completely ban foreign investment
- C) To nationalize key industries
- D) To withdraw from all international trade agreements

8. What is a significant concern for the EU regarding the potential economic shortfall compared to US output by 2040?

A) Falling EUR7 trillion behind US output

- B) Exceeding US output by EUR10 trillion
- C) Matching US output exactly
- D) Achieving complete economic independence from the US

9. The European Parliament recently held a plenary session in Strasbourg. What was a key focus for the EU regarding defense readiness?

A) Ramping up Europe's defense readiness by 2030 and coordinating with NATO

- B) Reducing all military cooperation with NATO
- C) Focusing solely on cyber defense
- D) Dismantling all European defense capabilities

10. Which initiative under the Pact for the Mediterranean aims to accelerate the development of renewable energy, hydrogen, and clean technology manufacturing?

A) Trans-Mediterranean Renewable Energy and Clean Tech Cooperation (T-MED)

- B) European Green Deal Fund
- C) Mediterranean Solar Initiative
- D) EU-Africa Energy Partnership