

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

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**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