

World exclusive: EU increases its funding of Putin's war machine by 27%

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Meanwhile the UK cuts funding of Putin's war machine by two-thirds

Since Putin started amassing his troops, EU has been spending more on Russian imports

The UK has reduced its spending by 63% compared to December

Shocking news for Ukraine: [Facts4EU.Org](https://Facts4EU.org)'s analysis for CIBUK of the raw, official trade data for the latest four months

Waging war is expensive. In today's exclusive report, CIBUK in association with the Facts4EU.Org think tank can reveal how the EU has increased the funding available to President Putin to finance the devastation he is wreaking on Ukraine.

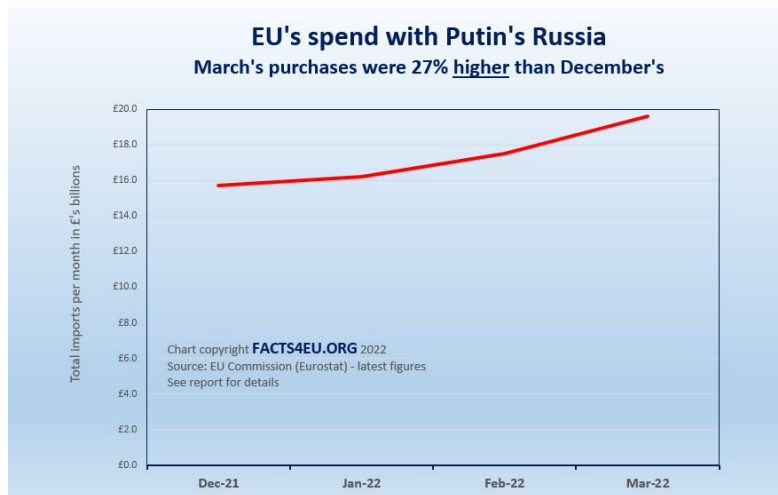
We also show how the newly independent United Kingdom has done the opposite.

We have analysed the official, raw trade data from the EU Commission and from the UK's Office for National Statistics for the latest four months since Putin started massing his

troops. In the case of the EU27, the results are chilling for the beleaguered people of Ukraine.

SUMMARY

1. The EU's monthly purchases from the Russian Federation since Dec 2021

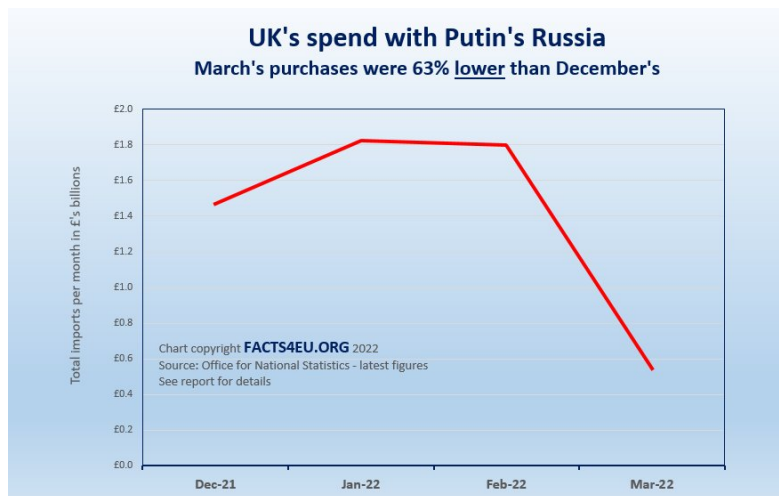


- Dec 2021 : £15.7 bn
- Jan 2022 : £16.2 bn
- Feb 2022 : £17.5 bn
- Mar 2022 : £19.6 bn (a **27% increase since December**)
- **TOTAL : £69.0 bn** (€82.2 bn euros)

[Source : EU Commission's official statistics agency – total EU imports from Russia]

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2. The United Kingdom's monthly purchases from the Russian Federation since Dec 2021



- Dec 2021 : £1.5 bn
- Jan 2022 : £1.8 bn
- Feb 2022 : £1.8 bn
- Mar 2022 : £0.5 bn 63% decrease since December)
- **TOTAL : £5.6 bn**

[Source : UK Office for National Statistics – total UK imports from Russia]

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The funding of Putin's war by the EU



In December last year the British, US, and Ukrainian intelligence services were warning about President Putin massing his forces on Ukraine's borders. This continued into January this year and – despite his constant denials – in February he ordered his forces to invade.

With thousands of innocent civilians in Ukraine dying or being maimed and injured, it might seem cold to look at the financial aspects. However without the means of funding his illegal invasion (and subsequent war crimes) President Putin would not have been able to start his atrocities.

The EU does not come out of this analysis well.

Photo: Putin in his KGB days

£69 billion more to fund Putin's killing machine, courtesy of the EU

Despite the continual stream of announcements of 'economic sanctions' from the EU Commission and EU Council, (they have just announced their sixth 'package'), it is astonishing to find that **the EU has actually been increasing its spending with Russia**. On top of this, parts of the latest EU sanctions package still have **the end of 2022** as their start date.

At the same time, **the newly independent United Kingdom has now massively reduced its spending with Russia** in short order.

Meanwhile the United Kingdom continues to add to its military support of Ukraine



On Wednesday (01 June 2022) Defence Secretary the Rt Hon Ben Wallace MP said Britain would send M270 launchers to Ukraine, which can fire precision-guided rockets up to 50 miles.

These missile launchers come on top of all the military equipment the UK has already sent to Ukraine since Russia first invaded Crimea in 2014.

The M270 is equipped with a launch system mounted on tracks and can fire a variety of 227mm missiles, including high-precision and short-range ballistic missiles of the ATACMS army tactical missile system. It is operated by 26 Regiment Royal Artillery from Larkhill, Wiltshire and 101 Regiment RA (Reserves) of Gateshead, Tyne & Wear.
