

How can anyone seriously campaign to rejoin the EU after reading this? – PART THREE

At least the EU is offering “town twinning” and giving Ukrainians LED light bulbs....

EU Commission President offers totally insensitive comments in a war zone

Following a CIBUK.Org and Brexit Facts4EU.Org investigation of official EU data over several days, we present a deeply shocking report about the EU and Putin’s Russia. We can reveal that the EU’s supposed ‘sanctions’ on trade with Russia since his illegal invasion of Ukraine are little more than words.

The failing EU – Part Three

A CIBUK.Org and Brexit Facts4EU.Org exclusive

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The EU Commission President, Ursula von der Leyen, made a visit to Ukraine on Thursday (02 Feb 2023) and gave a long speech to President Zelenskyy, to the Ukrainian people, and for the press.

Ms von der Leyen's first message was about economic aid. She then had other topics she wanted to talk about and she spoke at length about them. Below we summarise some of these.

Let there be (EU) light....

After talking about aid and reconstruction as if the war had already been won, the EU Commission President waxed lyrical on the subject of the EU providing LED light bulbs to Ukraine, available from post offices. (Assuming these haven't all been bombed to the ground by Putin's forces.)

'Forget the war, Volod, let's talk about the EU's Green Deal'



"From this week on, indeed, the LED light bulbs are available to Ukrainian citizens at the post office. These are the first batches of the 30 million LED light bulbs we promised. But in fact, I am happy to announce that we can overshoot our goal. We are now able to provide 35 million LED light bulbs."

– EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, Kyiv, 02 Feb 2023

Green energy support

In the middle of a bitter and bloody fight for the very survival of Ukraine, the EU Commission President stood in the heavily bombed capital city of Kyiv and made further remarks. She felt it appropriate to talk about green energy.

She continued her long speech to President Zelenskyy by describing how the EU planned to help Ukraine achieve green energy. In the middle of Ukraine's desperate and bloody battle for its very survival, this is what she said:-

'Oh Volod, Volod. Please stop talking about tanks, I want to talk about renewable gases'



"Renewables will not only bring clean energy; they will also increase Ukraine's energy security. Because they are home-grown, and because a decentralised energy system is plain and

simply safer. So, we are now working on making available significant funding for solar panels that will be deployed across Ukraine.”

“And the final element in the energy security: Today, we are signing a Memorandum of Understanding on renewable gases, such as biomethane or hydrogen.”

– EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, Kyiv, 02 Feb 2023

Greta Thunberg was not present

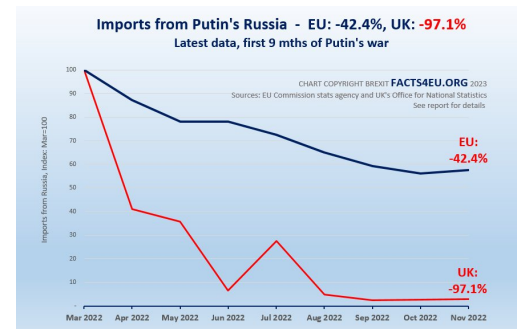
The EU Commission President then went on to talk about the EU's sanctions

Our analysis of the EU's official data shows clearly that the EU is making more and more money from its sales to Russia. Any thought that sanctions have prevented Russia from receiving badly needed supplies is completely false. In the fact the opposite is the case. From the EU these supplies have risen by 40% per month since the start of the war.

Not only that, but when it comes to imports from Russia – providing much needed foreign currency to keep Putin's economy afloat – the EU has been more than generous. Our report yesterday showed that the EU has spent over **€150bn euros buying goods from Russia** in the first nine months of the war.

Despite this, Ms von der Leyen told President Zelenskyy and the Ukrainian people the following :

“My second message today is that we are making Putin pay for his atrocious war. Before Russia started this war, we were very vocal about the severe economic costs we will impose on Russia if it invades Ukraine.



“Today, Russia is paying a heavy price, as our sanctions are eroding its economy, throwing it back by a generation.”

– EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, Kyiv, 02 Feb 2022

EU's Russian imports have fallen very slowly compared to UK

As we showed in our previous report, when it comes to buying from Russia the EU's very gradual reduction has been far less than that of the UK and took a long time starting. Indeed in November the EU's imports from Russia actually started increasing again, by +30% based on the previous month.

Undaunted, the EU Commission President ploughed on about town twinning

There then followed a passage about Ukraine joining the European Union before the EU Commission President reached her finale. For this, Ms von der Leyen thought it appropriate to talk about twinning. We assure readers we are not making this up.

‘Volod, I'm sure you'll get German tanks, once they've been repaired. Meanwhile, there's always town twinning’

“My final point – and it is last but certainly not least: We are connecting more and more our people, our companies and our cities. Last year, Volodymyr, you called for our cities to twin – the twin partnerships. They heard you, and they are doing it.

“So let me report you that we have now 100 large cities in the European Union that are twinned with 36 Ukrainian cities by now. Munich with Kyiv for example; Turku with Kharkiv. Almost 1,000 smaller towns in the European Union have partnerships with municipalities in Ukraine – with Hromadas.

“And, just like as you called for, they are ready to help rebuild the sister cities in Ukraine. Our network, Eurocities, has already launched a project on the sustainable rebuilding of cities in Ukraine. And I think it is amazing because there are urban planners, engineers, architects fully on board.

“And the New European Bauhaus concept will inspire them. They partner in Ukraine to launch the capacity-building programme. For example, they share knowledge for rebuilding smartly, for example by recycling concrete so that Ukraine could use half of the debris from destroyed buildings to rebuild better.

“Our LIFE programme will provide the first steps on that, this is EUR 7 million for the programme to start. So, our vision is to turn the destruction of war into opportunities to build a beautiful and healthy future for Ukraine.”

– EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, Kyiv, 02 Feb
2023

Er... We believe it's just possible that President Zelenskyy is currently focused on fighting a war. It's just possible he now has other things on his mind than twinning and Bauhaus – a pre-war German building design style.

Former Secretary of State, the Rt Hon Sir John Redwood MP, speaks exclusively to Brexit Facts4EU.Org and CIBUK.Org, commenting on all three reports in this series and Brexit generally



"Facts4EU has done a great job making the case for Brexit.

"It was always about being free to make our own laws and spend our own taxes which we can now do. The EU robbed us of cash and damaged many of our industries.

"Common fishing and farming policies made us dependent on imports from the continent. Complex regulations favoured German and French industry over our own.

"The EU is undermining the Good Friday Agreement in Northern Ireland. Going back into the EU would be a dreadful idea, putting us under their power to harm yet again."

Former Secretary of State, the Rt Hon Sir John Redwood MP, Sun
05 Feb 2023

Observations

The title of this three-part series is “How can anyone seriously campaign to rejoin the EU after reading this?”

We are compelled to ask Rejoiners how they can possibly want to surrender British sovereignty to a foreign empire run by people so out of touch with reality. This is not about one person. They’ve been like this for many years and are only getting worse with each passing year.

Ursula von der Leyen was German Defence Minister. It might have been thought she would understand something about war, but it seems not.

We realise that Ms von der Leyen had little to point to in terms of the EU sanctions having made much difference to its trade with Putin’s despotic regime. Nevertheless, for her to stand in a war-ravaged city in a country fighting on a daily basis for its survival, with civilians and military personnel being killed and maimed every day, and to witter on about “town twinning” and “the New European Bauhaus concept” almost defies belief.

Is the EU Commission on a different planet?

One can only speculate what President Zelenskyy and the Ukrainian people made of all of this. Perhaps they just had to bite their tongues and ask for more EU cash. That’s what we would have done.

For UK Rejoiners, however, they must confront this reality. Here we have the EU in all its glory, prancing around on the world stage playing gesture politics.

The sheer insensitivity of these ideologues playing their violins and talking about wholly irrelevant EU policies while Kijiv and the rest of Ukraine is burning – this surely displays these EU fanatics in their true, washed-out colors.

Brexit Britain stood up to be counted while the EU had meetings and put out disinformation

Whatever your views about this war, most countries' governments have a broadly similar position. We can therefore judge the EU against Brexit Britain on this basis. **The UK has outperformed the EU27 on military training and supply of weapons, massively outperformed the EU in cutting its Russian imports, and hasn't bothered President Zelenskyy with irrelevant and self-promoting ideological projects.**

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