

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

EXPLOSIVE : EU's saintly claims blown out of the sky in damning new report

Proud Brexit Britain has been shining like a beacon of light compared to the EU

Summary

Deceit, hypocrisy and betrayal revealed : EU sanctions? What EU sanctions?

How the EU has been funding Putin's Russia to the tune of €150 bn since the war started

And the EU27's sales to Russia have rocketed by +40% per month in the last nine months

Brexit Britain has once again shown the EU how it should be done

(And we couldn't have done this if we had still been a member of the EU.)

Following a CIBUK.Org and [Brexit Facts4EU.Org](https://BrexitFacts4EU.Org) investigation of official EU data lasting several days, we present the second part of our three-part series entitled "*How can anyone seriously campaign to rejoin the EU?*"

Today's second part in this series is a deeply shocking report

which explodes the EU's claims of virtue and saintliness. It concerns 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**. Meanwhile Brexit Britain has once again led the way.

Please note : What follows is not about the rights and wrongs of the war. Nor is it about who caused it. This report is about countering the disinformation coming from Brussels, which shows up the EU for what it is.

The failing EU – Part Two

A CIBUK.Org and Brexit Facts4EU.Org exclusive

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In Part One of this three-part report, we revealed the steadily-declining, poor economic performance of the EU last year. **In Part Two** we look at the simply appalling behaviour of the EU Commission and the EU27 when it comes to Putin's Russia.

We conclude in part three with a report which might sound like it is a parody – but it is very deadly serious and everything you read in this series comes from official sources. It will shock many readers.

Part Two : EU sanctions? What EU sanctions? An explosive analysis of the EU's support for Putin

We have analysed the EU's latest trade figures updated on 25 January 2023 and they will certainly not please President Zelenskyy. (We will be sending these reports to his office in Kyiv.) They show that the EU Commission's so-called 'sanctions' against the Putin regime **have not stopped trade between the EU bloc and the Russian Federation.**



"And by 24 February, exactly one year since the invasion started, we aim to have the tenth package of sanctions in place."

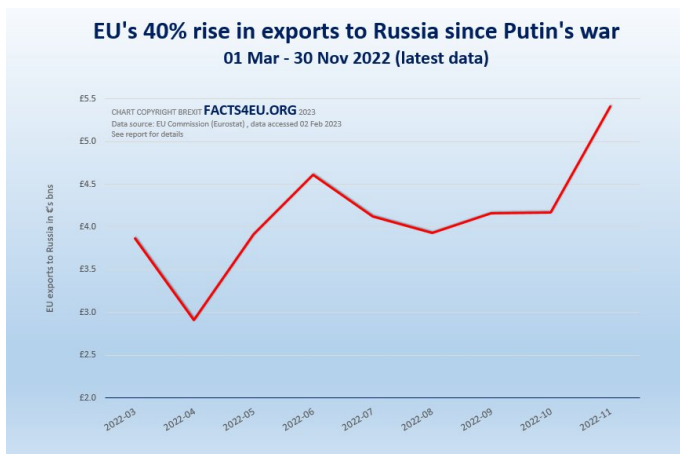
– EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, Kyiv, Thurs 02 Feb 2023

Putin's illegal invasion started at the end of February (24 Feb 2022). The EU has produced nine 'sanctions packages' in that time, to great fanfare each time. Below we summarise the limited effect of these EU 'sanctions' on EU-Russian trade. **We then contrast this with the significantly superior performance by Brexit Britain.**

Summary

EU's Russian exports and imports

EU's exports to, and imports from, Putin's Russia since war began up to end-November 2022 (latest month)



- EU's monthly exports to Russia in November were 40% higher than when the war began
- EU's imports from Russia have totalled **€153.6bn since the illegal invasion**

[Source: EU Commission's latest trade figures, 25 Jan 2023.]

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Providing more supplies to Putin's Russia each month

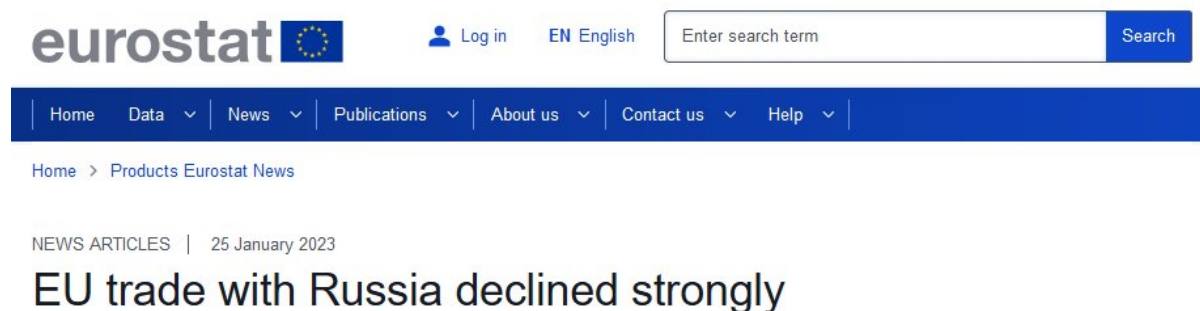
There are two aspects to the EU27's increase in sales to Putin's Russia. The first is that sanctions have not stopped EU27 companies from providing vital supplies needed by Russia

while it wages war on Ukraine.

The second is that not only have the EU27 continued supplying Russia, their monthly sales have rocketed by 40%. In the first nine months since the war started, EU27 companies have raked in €39.1 bn from this trade.

And how did the EU present all of this to the world?

The headline of the EU Commission statistics agency's report is: "EU trade with Russia declined strongly".



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Instead of presenting the EU's import and export figures for Russia, as we have done, they chose instead to present the *share of the EU's total business with Russia. This is highly unusual. The obvious thing to have done would be to present the simple charts of imports and exports. Their problem, of course, was that these charts do not make the EU look good at all. They obviously then tried to find something which presented a better picture. Brexit Facts4EU.Org strongly suggests they rewrite their report as it is thoroughly misleading.*

Brexit Britain once again completely outshines the EU

Below we present a comparison between the EU and Brexit Britain when it comes to trade with Russia. As the EU bloc's numbers are much higher than those of the UK, we have converted these into indices, where March 2022 = 100. This shows the relative performances very clearly.

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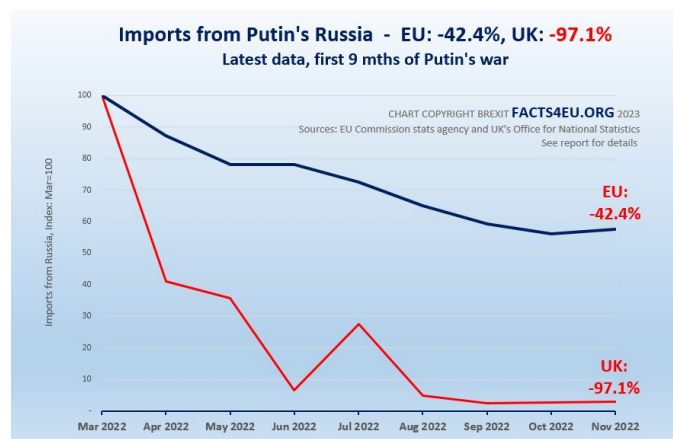
1. EU's and UK's sales to Russia, Mar-Nov 2022



- Brexit Britain has REDUCED its sales to Russia by -47.2%
- The EU27 have INCREASED their sales in the latest month to Russia by **+40.0%**, compared to March

[Sources : EU Commission's statistics agency and the UK's Office for National Statistics.]

2. EU's and UK's purchases from Russia, Mar-Nov 2022



- Brexit Britain has reduced its purchases by 97.1% in the latest month compared with March
- The EU27 have reduced their purchases by only 42.4%

[Sources : EU Commission's statistics agency and the UK's Office for National Statistics.]

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Former Brexit Minister, the Rt Hon David Jones MP, speaks exclusively to CIBUK.org and Brexit Facts4EU.0rg



“This Facts4EU and CIBUK report should come as a wake-up call to any Rejoiners who still naively believe that the European Union is unequivocally a force for good in the world.

“The plain fact is that while Putin has waged his illegal war of aggression on Ukraine, the EU has enthusiastically continued to trade with Russia.

“If the EU had followed the UK’s example and slashed trade with Russia virtually to zero, Putin would have been far less likely to continue to bomb the cities and towns of Ukraine.

“The EU must respond to this report, explain why it continues to breach its own sanctions, and take all necessary steps to cease trading with Russia without further delay.”

Former Brexit Minister, the Rt Hon David Jones MP, Sat 04 Feb
2023

If the EU had acted instead of pretending to act, Russia would have been in deep trouble

Russia abruptly stopped publishing its international trade data at the end of February 2022, just as its illegal invasion of Ukraine started. However we do know that the EU is Russia’s

largest international trade partner by far. In 2020, the EU was Russia's biggest customer, accounting for 37.9% of its goods exports worldwide. 36.5% of Russia's imports came from the EU. [Source: EU Commission.] It should be noted that this trade was happening **SIX YEARS** after Putin's first illegal invasion of Ukraine in 2014, when he seized Crimea.

In 2019, the EU was the largest investor in Russia. The EU foreign direct investment (FDI) outward stock in Russia amounted to €311.4 billion, while Russia's FDI stock in the EU was estimated at €136 billion.

If the EU had actually acted and cut its trade ties, the Russian economy would have been cut off at the knees. According to a US Congress report 40% of the Russian economy is based on international trade. There is every prospect that in these circumstances Putin would have been deposed.

Finally, Brexit Britain can hold its head high – because of Brexit

Without Brexit, the UK could not have pursued its own sanctions. **As a result of Brexit, however, the UK Government was able to act swiftly and decisively – unlike the EU – as can be seen from the charts above.**

After reading the above, do Rejoiners really want to rejoin such a dysfunctional foreign empire like the European Union?

Observations

It is not often that the CIBUK.Org team are lost for words after investigating aspects of the EU's behaviour. We have become accustomed to unearthing some extraordinary information.

When it comes to these reports, however, we were completely shocked. When readers see our Part Three report, they will be equally amazed, we're sure.

There's no easy way to put his...

Since the start of Putin's (second) illegal invasion of Ukraine the Commission has put out a stream of statements which are worthy of the Kremlin. The problem for the Commission is that the facts don't lie – especially when the data comes from the EU itself. Our analysis proves beyond any doubt that the EU continues to prop up Putin's Russia, with **over a quarter of a TRILLION euros paid to Russia** for imports (and these are not all for gas) in the first nine months of the war.

Not only that but EU27 countries have been raking in **billions in cash** by increasing their monthly sales to that country by an astonishing 40%. The Commission might not wish all of this to be known, but Facts4EU.Org's report today is definitive and leaves them with nowhere to hide.

We very much hope that a major British newspaper will pick this up and run with it. We and Facts4EU.Org are both available for comment.

The question must be asked:-

How can anyone possibly want to rejoin this dysfunctional and failing empire? We really would like to hear anyone from the Rejoin campaigns try to defend the EU's appalling record on Ukraine. Specifically we would like to hear them attempt to justify the figures above.

No doubt Rejoiners will ignore the fact that the EU27 have been increasing their supplies of goods to Russia since the start of the war. They will then try to say that the EU's imports from Russia have fallen. This is true, but not by much and at a snail's pace. When compared to the UK's fall of 97.1%

– more than half of which happened in the first month of the war – the EU's very slow fall of only 42.4% looks derisory.

The EU's abject failure to introduce immediate and effective sanctions on Putin's Russia is little short of a disgrace. For the Commission then to try to pretend it is doing something when it clearly isn't, only adds oil to the fires burning in Ukraine.

We will add to these observations more fully at the end of Part Three of this report. And that is a report you will NOT want to miss. PLUS a strong set of comments from former Secretary of State the Rt Hon Sir John Redwood MP.

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