



Statement on the war in Ukraine

As a network of more than 200 members based in universities, government bodies, think tanks, companies, advocacy groups, from 41 EU and non-EU countries, gathered under the common framework of the ENGAGER COST Action,

We express our profound grief and solidarity with the victims of the tragic events unfolding in Ukraine and strongly condemn the military actions undertaken by Vladimir Putin and his regime on sovereign Ukrainian territory.

Given our common concern regarding energy poverty throughout Europe and beyond, we strongly condemn the way energy resources are used as part of the conflict, in the context of an already generalized state of vulnerability in Europe caused by the pandemic and by the current climate of insecurity. **The threat of leaving millions of European households in energy poverty during winter cannot be accepted.**

We encourage the EU and all Member States to acknowledge the urgency of speeding up the energy transition process, away from resources that can be used as political weapons and to urgently enact policies that ensure continuous, reliable access to clean energy for all.

Finally, **we wish to express our solidarity with Ukrainian colleagues in the scientific and civil society communities, but also with Russian colleagues who disavow the actions of the Putin regime.** We would like to reassure all of them that they can find support, collegiality, and a continuous partnership with us, regardless of the actions of politicians.

ENGAGER CORE GROUP,
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