

The Ellisiv Accord

Joint Declaration on a Strategic Partnership between Norway and Ukraine

Norway and Ukraine are bound by ties that reach back nearly a thousand years. Ellisiv of Kyiv, daughter of Grand Prince Yaroslav the Wise, married King Harald Hardrada and became Queen of Norway. This Declaration carries her name.

Today our countries are close and trusted partners, working together across a broad range of areas and united by common values and interests. Since Russia's full-scale invasion in 2022, our cooperation has deepened and widened.

In the Agreement on Security Cooperation and Long-Term Support of 31 May 2024, Norway committed to standing with Ukraine for the long term. In Kyiv on 25 February 2026, we agreed to develop a strategic partnership, and our Joint Declaration on Enhanced Defence and Security Cooperation of 14 April 2026 was the first step.

Norway's support for Ukraine remains steadfast. Through the Nansen Support Programme for Ukraine, Norway provides military, civilian and humanitarian assistance. The programme has the backing of all parties in the Storting, with a funding framework of at least NOK 274.5 billion for the period 2023–2030. It is the largest and most long-term support effort in Norwegian history.

We share the same core principles: sovereignty, territorial integrity, inviolability of borders, political independence and respect for international law. We uphold the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the Helsinki Final Act and the Charter of Paris. We stand for democracy, the rule of law and human rights.

On this basis, we, the Prime Minister of Norway and the President of Ukraine, are establishing a strategic partnership between our two countries. It will build on the close cooperation already under way and serve our mutual benefit.

The partnership marks an evolution in our relationship: one of broader and more reciprocal cooperation. It sets a long-term framework for our bilateral relations, grounded in a shared assessment of opportunities, threats and risks. Each of us brings experience and expertise the other needs.

Our partnership will support Ukraine's European and Euro-Atlantic integration, including its future European Union and NATO membership, and Ukraine's alignment with European standards of transparency and accountability.

We welcome Ukraine's substantial reform efforts, including strengthening democratic institutions and the rule of law. Our partnership will be held to the highest standards of integrity, transparency and good governance.

We will continue to strive, in the framework of the Coalition of the Willing, for a comprehensive, just and lasting peace for Ukraine backed by legally binding security guarantees. Increased pressure on Russia and its war economy through sanctions, and stronger international cooperation against sanctions circumvention, will contribute

to that end. We will work to hold Russia accountable for its aggression. This is essential to deterring future aggression and to promoting stability on the European continent.

The partnership rests on three main pillars: defence, energy and resilience. These are the areas where our cooperation is developing fastest. Economic and trade cooperation underpins all three. The partnership is long-term, inclusive and flexible. It will adapt to changing circumstances and expand into new areas as opportunities arise.

Defence and security cooperation

Building on our Joint Declaration on Enhanced Defence and Security Cooperation of 14 April 2026, we will strengthen our defence readiness, enhance our mutual defence capability and contribute to the long-term stability and security of Europe and the wider Euro-Atlantic area. We are committed to mutual support in the event of emerging security threats or armed aggression.

Norway will continue to strengthen Ukraine's defence capabilities, including through sustained military assistance under the Nansen Support Programme. Our cooperation already spans the maritime, land and air domains, as well as drones and autonomy, and sustainment and logistics. Through the strategic partnership we will intensify work to identify the comparative strengths each of us brings, and build our defence cooperation around them.

We will train together and learn together. Lessons from the battlefield will feed directly into our defence planning, investment and research. We will adapt training and exercises to real-time developments at the front, and translate what we learn into operational planning and force readiness.

Air and missile defence is central to our security. Norway remains a lead contributor to NATO's Prioritised Ukraine Requirements List (PURL). The participants will continue their efforts to mobilise the necessary financial resources, and make use of bilateral and international mechanisms, to provide Ukraine with integrated air and missile defence systems and associated interceptors, including the Norwegian Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile System (NASAMS).

In line with the Joint Declaration of 13 July 2026 on the establishment of the Integrated Anti-Ballistic Missile Coalition, we will work together to develop an anti-ballistic capability. We will contribute to the Coalition's Flagship Project through joint research and development, common operational requirements and enhanced exchange of data and information.

We will continue to deepen our defence industrial collaboration. This includes building a joint defence industrial and technological base, and supporting our companies in doing so. We will identify priority areas for investment in defence industrial capacity in both countries, including research and development, technology exchange, joint production, co-development and distributed production. This work will be carried out in accordance with national legislation and international obligations, including export control regimes.

We will expand cooperation under the Ukrainian “Build in Ukraine” and “Build with Ukraine” initiatives, strengthening existing projects and developing new ones, in Ukraine and in Norway.

Energy

Our energy partnership combines Norwegian technology, capital and market expertise with Ukraine’s resource potential and unique wartime experience. Together these contribute to European energy security and accelerate the energy transition.

The Memorandum of Understanding on an energy partnership between the Ministry of Energy of the Kingdom of Norway and the Ministry of Energy of Ukraine, signed on 10 June 2024, is the foundation we build on.

We will cooperate on restoring and developing the energy generation capacity, including hydropower and other renewable energy sources, support the development and production of energy equipment, and share expertise in power market operation and in the use of natural gas. We will promote transparent and business-friendly frameworks for the energy transition, and support innovation.

We will exchange best practice on energy security and resilience. Ukraine’s experience in protecting and restoring its energy system under attack will inform Norwegian energy infrastructure planning.

We will work to attract support and investment to the reconstruction and modernisation of Ukraine’s energy infrastructure, and to raise awareness of the opportunities this offers Norwegian industry.

Resilience

Resilient societies deter aggression. We will combine Ukraine’s frontline experience with Norway’s expertise in governance and preparedness.

Our goal is clear: to build robust and adaptive societies that can withstand and recover from crisis and external pressure, and prevent and respond to threats across the full spectrum of security challenges.

We will strengthen our societal resilience, civil preparedness, national control and ability to counter complex and hybrid threats. We will deepen cooperation on protecting critical infrastructure and essential societal functions, on civil defence and emergency preparedness.

We will improve our ability to counter disinformation and cognitive warfare, including malicious use of artificial intelligence, through better detection, analysis and trusted information sharing.

We will join forces on cybersecurity, integrating Ukraine’s experience of large-scale cyber operations with Norway’s advanced security systems.

Informed and capable citizens are vital to national security and deterrence. We will work together to safeguard civilians, maintain essential services in crisis and promote population preparedness.

We will enhance health preparedness, including on medical evacuation, resilience to chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear threats, rehabilitation, mental health and antimicrobial resistance. The Health Partnership Agreement of 1 July 2025 between our Ministries of Health provides the basis for this work.

Art, culture and cultural heritage sustain societies under pressure. Ukraine's experience in safeguarding heritage and keeping cultural life alive in war, and Norway's heritage management system, restoration partnerships and tradition of artistic freedom, give us much to build on together.

We will exchange experience on public-private collaboration to secure business continuity and resilient supply chains.

We will pursue a balanced and cooperative approach to migration and to the sustainable return of Ukrainians.

Taking the partnership forward

We will review our cooperation regularly and set joint priorities as the partnership develops. Our Ministries of Foreign Affairs will coordinate implementation.

To ensure an appropriate framework for effective development and implementation of the Strategic partnership, we will ensure coordination at the political and working levels.

Norway and Ukraine will remain long-term partners and friends. We are committed to working together for the security of our two countries and of Europe as a whole.

Signed in Kyiv on 23 August 2026

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