

Joint Statement on support to Ukraine and Kropyvnytskyi

We, the mayors of the twin cities of Krefeld and Venlo, met today on the 12th of December to reaffirm our commitment to our shared partnership with the city of Kropyvnytskyi and our unwavering support for the Ukrainian people and their government in the face of the Russian Federation's blatant aggression. The bravery and dogged endurance shown by the Ukrainian people are a shining example and inspiration to all freedom-loving peoples across the globe.

Recalling the agreement we signed a year ago, on Monday 11 September 2023, we will continue to direct our efforts to initiating, promoting, and backing sustained people-to-people initiatives between our cities and the communities which live in them. We perceive these relations as stepping stones, however small, towards a future in which Kropyvnytskyi is a prospering urban centre in a wider European community of nations, regions and cities.

Furthermore, we stand firmly and fully with the Ukrainian people in their struggle for the democracy, independence, autonomy and territorial integrity that is rightly theirs. We emphasise the importance of unyielding military, political, economic and financial support from our respective national governments to Ukraine's valiant war effort. Our cities' executive bodies will send letters to national authorities and lawmakers urging them to maintain, even bolster, such support.

The war in Ukraine is about the right of a free, sovereign independent European people to choose their own future. A right our cities will always stand for.

Signed in Krefeld on the 12th of December in English.

For Stadt Krefeld



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For gemeente Venlo



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Burgemeester



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