


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**EU HITS RUSSIA WITH NEW SANCTIONS AS  AID FLOWS TO UKRAINE BY JUNE LATEST**

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EU member states approved a new package of sanctions against Russia on Thursday (23 April) and unlocked €90bn in funding for Ukraine, with disbursements expected to begin by June at the latest.

The decision comes at a critical time for Ukraine after months of doubt, following Hungary's veto under the leadership of its now-ousted pro-Kremlin prime minister Viktor Orbán.

Both the sanctions package and the loan, spread out over two years, were adopted unanimously.

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