Seventh High Level Meeting

Union Restrictive Measures

Agenda

8 April 2025, 09:30 – 12:30

Conference Centre Albert Borchette, Brussels

Rue Froissart 36, 1040 Etterbeek

Welcome coffee (9h30 - 10h)

- 1) Opening remarks by Commissioner Maria Luís Albuquerque
- 2) Opening remarks by the Polish Presidency
- 3) Implementation and enforcement of sanctions following Russia's aggression against Ukraine: Best practices (10h10 11h30)

Participants will exchange views on good practices on effective implementation and enforcement of Union restrictive measures. The Commission (Céline Gauer, Director-General Reform and Investment Task Force) and Czechia will share their experience from the Technical Support Instrument (TSI) on effective implementation of Union restrictive measures and enhanced cross-border cooperation. Malta, Latvia and Spain will share their good practices on implementation and enforcement. A discussion amongst participants will follow, moderated by the Commissioner.

4) Reflections on the way forward: a coordinated approach for sanctions implementation (11h30 - 12h25)

The Netherlands will present the non-paper on strengthening European cooperation to reinforce national efforts on the implementation and enforcement of Union restrictive measures. The Commission will give a short overview of best practices observed in Member States and share its views on potential way forward, including on central coordination, mutual recognition of decisions and better information sharing to fight circumvention, e.g. in the form of enhanced customs cooperation. A discussion amongst participants will follow, moderated by the Commissioner.

5) Closing remarks by Commissioner Maria Luís Albuquerque