

## **FOR Communication 12/2022: Polish government's involvement in humanitarian aid will not unlock the National Recovery Plan (NPR)**

The actual actions of those in power, which contradict public declarations of cooperation, almost point to internal sabotage of funds from the EU Recovery Fund, which in fact could have already reached Poland. The European Commission's refusal to proceed with the Polish NRP should be seen in terms of concern for the financial security of the European Union. Poland - apart from refusing to meet the "rule of law" conditions - also refuses to join, for example, the European Public Prosecutor's Office, whose main task remains to conduct independent investigations into possible fraud in relation to EU finances.

### Summary:

- The government is awaiting approval of Poland's National Recovery Plan by the European Commission in connection with their efforts to assist war refugees from Ukraine;
- That's impossible - the NRP and the humanitarian aid provided by Poland (and in fact mostly by its NGOs and citizens) in connection with the war in Ukraine are two disconnected, unrelated issues;
- The condition for unblocking the proceedings on the Polish NRP is to make real changes that guarantee the restoration of the rule of law and the independence of the disciplinary judiciary in Poland, and to recognize the primacy of EU law;
- If the European Commission gives in to the Polish government, it will risk giving EU funds to a country that openly violates EU law;
- Today, those in power are actually sabotaging Poland's chances of receiving money from the EU Recovery Fund by continuing to act in defiance of EU law and the Constitution.

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