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YOUNG GREEN LIBERALS CALL FOR SWISS PEACEKEEPING TROOPS IN UKRAINE !

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Young Green Liberals representatives visited Kyiv and reaffirmed the support of YGL for Ukraine. The Young Green Liberals are calling for Swiss military peace supporters as part of a peace plan for Ukraine. As long as there is no peace, protection status S for Ukrainians must not be weakened. In addition, the re-export of weapons must finally be made possible.

Bilder aus der Ukraine: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1PzB4zKT-4RYEb1FzliYih0esY6m7FRn2?usp=sharing>

Full support for Ukraine in the face of Russian aggression

The Young Green Liberals express their support for Ukraine and once again condemn the Russian war of aggression in Ukraine, which is contrary to international law. Gwenaël Richard, co-president of the YGL, and Marius Gobet, general secretary, travelled to Lviv and Kyiv in August to strengthen their relationship with members of liberal youth parties and NGOs. **"The strength and resilience of Ukrainians in the face of Russian aggression is admirable. We must not forget that the Ukrainians are protecting the entire European continent through their fight,"** reports Marius Gobet.

Military peacebuilding in Ukraine

After the recent talks in Washington, it is clear that Ukraine needs serious security guarantees. The Young Green Liberals demand that Switzerland assume its responsibility for peace in Europe. If an international peacekeeping mission is deployed, Switzerland must participate. Gwenaël Richard demands: **"The Federal Council should send peacekeepers to Ukraine, especially how the Swiss army has proven its competence over its many years of operations in Kosovo."** The Federal Council should take an active stance, through which Switzerland would also strengthen its support for international law, he continues. The Young Green Liberals, together with GLP National Councillor and security policy maker Beat Flach, will be submitting a corresponding motion in parliament. The YGL is also calling for Ukraine to be included in a peace agreement. Marius Gobet emphasizes here: **"We reject haggling between the great powers without the involvement of Ukrainians. We will only support a peace plan if Ukraine agrees to it. It is out of the question that Switzerland agrees to blackmail."**

Protection status S still necessary

As long as the war continues, any weakening of protection status S for Ukrainian refugees is out of the question for the Young Green Liberals. Gwenaël Richard, who has just returned from Ukraine, comments on the SVP's initiative: **"I invite Esther Friedli to leave her hut in Toggenburg and spend a few days in Kyiv. I would be curious to see if, after waking up at night by alarm sirens and bombings, she still thinks that there are safe areas in Ukraine."**

Finally allow arms to be re-exported to Ukraine!

Parliament has been discussing the re-export of weapons to Ukraine for over a year, but still nothing has been decided. According to the Young Green Liberals, this inaction is a scandal. They also call for the re-export of weapons to Ukraine in their [position paper on foreign policy \(DE/FR\)](#), which they adopted at the beginning of this year.

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