

Report from the meeting between European Commission Vice-President Maroš Šefčovič and the President of the Republic of Serbia Aleksandar Vučić

Vice-President Šefčovič and President Vučić discussed matters of mutual interest, including the geopolitical and security situation in Europe following the Russian war in Ukraine. In particular, the Vice-President informed the President about the policy initiatives and legislative measures adopted by the European Union to address the unprecedented energy crisis and soaring gas and electricity prices triggered by the war. The Vice-President also outlined the efforts to implement the RepowerEU Plan by accelerating the roll out of renewable energy and diversifying gas supplies away from Russian fossil fuels, including through the joint purchase under the EU Energy Platform.

In addition, the Vice-President informed the President about the critical raw materials (CRMs) package, a flagship initiative of the Commission scheduled for the adoption in Q1 2023. The Vice-President presented the main elements of the package, which aims to secure supplies of CRMs necessary for clean tech and digital technologies, and to strengthen the resilience of the CRM value chain in Europe.

The Vice-President and the President also took stock of the progress achieved and the next steps in the accession negotiations of Serbia to the EU.