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RESOLUTION **AEBR Executive Committee, 25 February 2022**

Our European continent has already experienced too many wars in the past that have left generations scarred. The process of European and cross-border integration is therefore essential for promoting peace and security and respecting fundamental rights and freedoms.

The Executive Committee of the Association of European Border Regions condemns the invasion of Ukrainian territory by the armed forces of the Russian Federation. Determining the borders by means of war does not belong to the 21st Century, and falls apart from AEBR expectations from Russia, as declared in our Annual Conference in Kursk (close to the Russian-Ukrainian border) on 21 September 2011: good practices in cross-border cooperation and neighbourhood.

We also support the measures taken by the institutions of the European Union and international organisations to protect the Ukrainian population, regions and cities, the respect to the Rule of Law and the international obligations deriving from treaties, as well as the interests of the Union.

AEBR Executive Committee calls on the Russian Federation to respect Ukraine's state integrity and sovereignty and its existing territorial borders. It, therefore, calls to cease its military actions against Ukraine immediately, withdraw its troops from Ukraine and return to a peaceful diplomatic solution. Similarly, Russia must immediately withdraw the recognition of the so-called 'People's Republics' Donetsk and Luhansk, contrary to international law.

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Read also here a [Statement by the President of the Congress](#) (of Local and Regional Authorities - Council of Europe), Leendert Verbeek

And here, you can read the [Statement of the President and the SG of the AER](#) (Assembly of European Regions), Magnus Berntsson and Christian Spahr.