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The EU cannot be expected to solve all the worlds humanitarian problems [] but the bloc can only be a global geopolitical actor if it helps Ukraine while maintaining aid to Afghanistan and elsewhere

As I write this column at the College of Europe campus in Natolin, Poland, local volunteers and others from across Europe are helping relief agencies as they provide food, shelter and transport to the refugees, mostly women and children, who are streaming across the border.

Such generosity and solidarity are impressive, as is the EU's quick response in terms of humanitarian assistance and decision to welcome Ukrainian refugees.

Such support should continue for as long as necessary.

In addition, EU governments must muster the financial resources and the political will to continue relief efforts in other parts of the world.

Help for Ukraine should not mean less aid for other humanitarian emergencies.

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