
OPINION: GERMANY AND UKRAINE - SOLIDARITY WITHOUT ACTION IS NOT ENOUGH

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Ukrainian President Zelenskyy is disappointed in Germany. And he should be because consternation and words alone are not enough, says DW's Katharina Kroll.

Words must be followed by deeds. It's only then that you're credible. That's the point that Ukrainian President Zelenskyy stressed when he spoke live, via video link, in the German parliament, the Bundestag. He reminded everyone, very clearly, of what the horrors of war look like. And he recalled the promise Germany made to itself in the aftermath of the Second World War: "never again."

For three weeks now a brutal war of aggression has been raging in Ukraine. Three weeks of daily, unbearable suffering and destruction, with no end in sight. And President Zelenskyy is now holding up a mirror to Germans in a very impressive way: Pointing out that Germany is still doing business with those who drop bombs on his country. With gas and oil exports still going from Russia to Germany and with German companies continuing to make money in Russia.

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