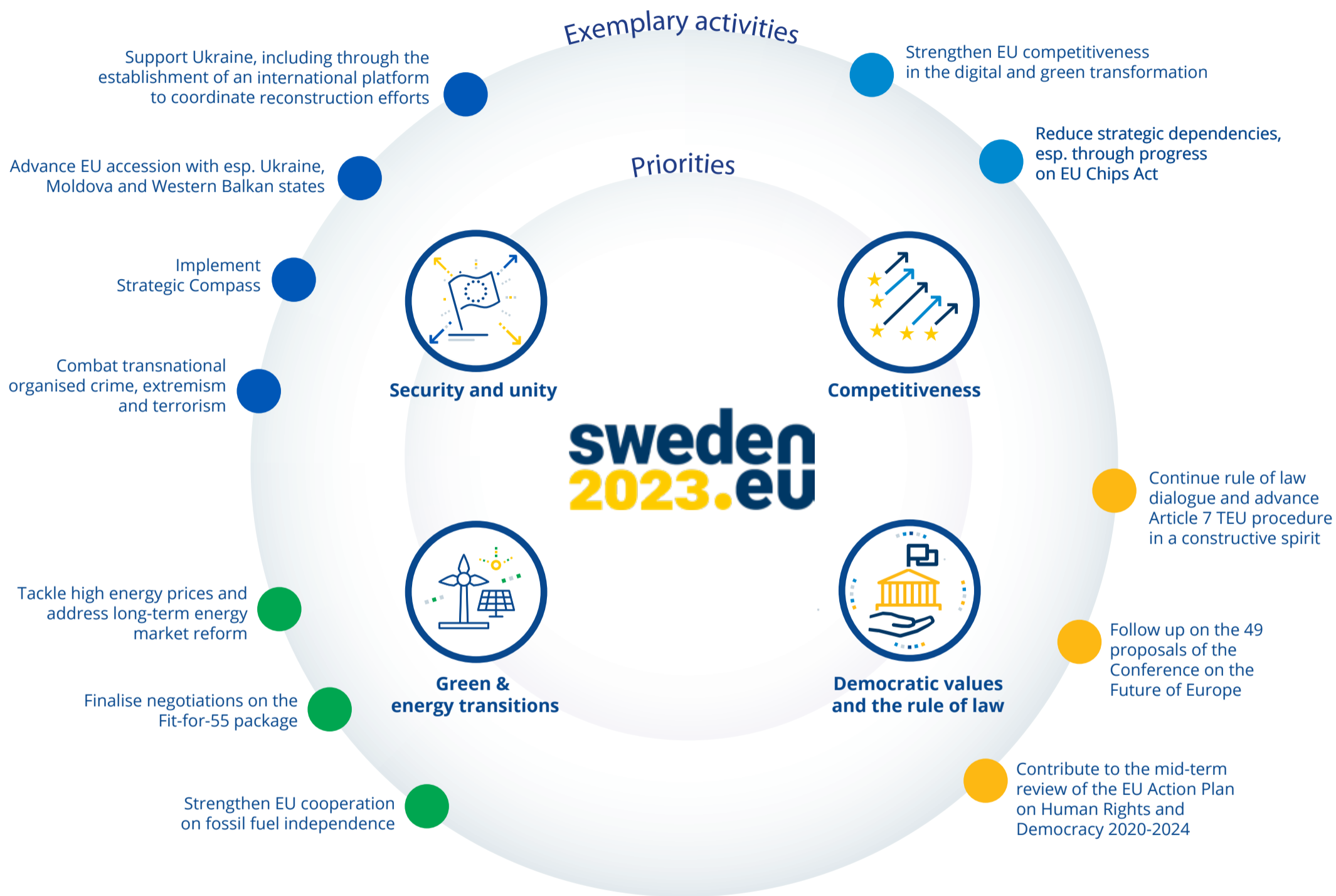


# Priorities of the Swedish Presidency of the Council of the EU #EBDGrafik

## EM Germany assessment



### ✓ Important to EM Germany

- Advance accession process with the Western Balkan, Ukraine, Moldova, the other candidate countries as well as Georgia and engage representative social forces in a targeted manner
- Link EU Pre-Accession Assistance to a democracy bonus, so that democratically constituted organisations in the candidate countries receive greater support
- Achieve tangible progress on the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum in line with European values
- Systematically strengthen cooperation between the EU and the Council of Europe
- Follow up the proposals of the Conference on the Future of Europe as soon as possible, in particular on the abolition of unanimity in the Foreign Affairs Council
- Establish an independent ethics body for the EU Commission, European Parliament and Council

### 🔍 What is missing?

- Systematic strengthening of synergies with the Council of Europe in the semester of the fourth Council of Europe summit
- Increasing transparency in the Council and establish an independent EU ethics body
- Advancing negotiations on the Schengen accession of Romania and Bulgaria

### 📄 Further information



<https://swedish-presidency.consilium.europa.eu/en/>

