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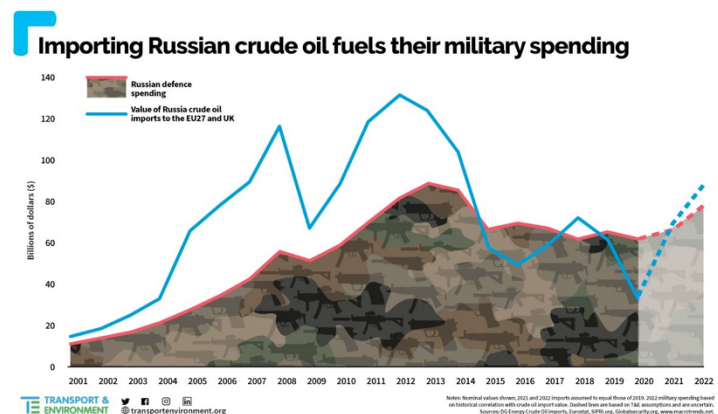
ManagersForFuture statement

Leaders: stand up for peace and freedom!

The ManagersForFuture movement condemns the military invasion of Ukraine by Russia. We call for de-escalation and serious both-sided proposals on the negotiation table. Urgently, new perspectives are needed in international relations to build lasting peace and reduce factors contributing to exploitation, violence and war. Today, we have to acknowledge that fossil fuel dependency, violent toxic masculinity and the ignorance of the rule of law, in East and West, are main drivers of war.

ManagersForFuture condemn the invasion of Putin on the Ukrainian Republic. The leaders and people of Ukraine deserve support for their fight for sovereignty and their right to choose their democratic path. Governments and diplomats worldwide, supported by business leaders¹, shall make everything to make peace possible at the negotiation table. Wise leadership will be needed to negotiate, overcome division and find a solution that works for all conflict parties.

In the public and private sector, managers should cease activities that contribute to the funding of the invasion by the Russian Federation,



¹ See the Ukraine Corporate Index for a list of corporate action:
<https://www.thegoodlobby.eu/2022/03/04/ukraine-corporate-index/>

particularly through oil, gas and chemical fertilisers. Divesting from Putin's war is divesting from a war against climate and biodiversity. To become more resilient in the face of war, businesses in Europe and beyond are called to invest into more strategic autonomy, sustainability and circularity. From decentralised and renewable energy systems to sustainable and regenerative agricultural systems ensuring food autonomy and higher overall food production - many resilience measures that work to be prepared for war also support the fight against the climate and biodiversity emergencies.

Now is the time to invest in peace and end what destroys it.