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Venezuela: 19 officials added to the EU sanctions list

The Council today added **19 leading Venezuelan officials** to the list of those subject to restrictive measures, due to their role in acts and decisions undermining democracy and the rule of law in the country, or as a result of serious human rights violations.

This decision follows on from the **Council conclusions of 25 January 2021**, which indicated that the EU stood ready to adopt additional targeted restrictive measures, in view of the deteriorating situation in Venezuela following the December 2020 elections.

The individuals added to the list are responsible, notably, for **undermining the oppositions' electoral rights** and the democratic functioning of the National Assembly, and for **serious violations of human rights** and restrictions of fundamental freedoms.

Today's decision brings to **55** the total number of individuals subject to sanctions, which include **travel bans** and **asset freezes**. These targeted measures are designed **not to have adverse humanitarian effects or unintended consequences for the Venezuelan population**, and can be reversed.

The EU will continue to engage and work with all stakeholders in Venezuela to **promote peaceful dialogue and a democratic and sustainable solution** to the crises in the country.

The EU introduced restrictive measures on Venezuela in November 2017. The measures include an embargo on arms and on equipment for internal repression, and the imposition of travel bans and asset freezes on listed individuals.

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