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European Olympic Bodies Donate $100,000 to Ukraine

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Pole vault great Sergei Bubka, head of Ukraine's National Olympic Committee.

European Olympic committees have donated $100,000 to support athletes in Ukraine amid the country's political crisis.

Pole vault great Sergei Bubka, who heads Ukraine's National Olympic Committee, said the donation "will give our work a significant boost."

Bubka said in a statement Thursday from Kiev that the financial support shows that Ukraine is "recognized as a full part of the European Olympic process."

The European donation comes two weeks after the International Olympic Committee gave $300,000 to help Ukrainian athletes.

Tension between Ukraine and Russia has increased since the Sochi Olympics in February. The Ukrainian government is currently battling an insurgency in eastern Ukraine by pro-Russian separatists.

A western Ukrainian city, Lviv, is among four bidders for the 2022 Winter Olympics.

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