Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba has reproached Germany for the fact that its policies helped build the current government in Russia, ZDF has reported.

"I'm sorry to say this: you really helped build the current government in Russia. And we hope that you too will do a lot to stop the Russian war machine," Kuleba said on the ARD TV talk show on Sunday evening.

The minister said that Ukraine needs all the weapons necessary for self-defense.

"I don't think it's fair that in the past few years Germany has had large-scale defense cooperation with Russia," Kuleba said.

The foreign minister also called for tougher punitive measures against Russia. Kuleba noted Germany for some difficult decisions in the early days of the war, but added that when he hears from his colleagues in the European Union why certain sanctions have not yet been introduced, he always receives the same answer.

"They always say: it's because of Germany," Kuleba said.

The minister also said that Ukraine should become a member of the European Union. According to him, this will be impossible in the blink of an eye.

"But we expect the German government to also support this decision, because Ukraine is part of Europe, and Europe will be safer with Ukraine," the Ukrainian foreign minister said.

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