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PRES MACRON HOSTED INFORMAL EMERGENCY EUROPEAN MEETING PARIS OVER UKRAINE

FEW EUROPEAN LEADERS + NATO PARTICIPANTS

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USPA NEWS - Today Monday, February 17, 2025, French President Emmanuel Macron hosted an informal meeting at the Élysee Palace with several European leaders to discuss the situation in Ukraine and security in Europe. Major leaders came representing European Council, Commission, and NATO's boss, invited by President Emmanuel Macron, over fears U.S highly motivated for establishing peace between Ukraine and Russia Ukrainian President Zelensky was not participating in the European meeting in APris today.

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The meeting comes after the announcement of direct negotiations between the United States and Russia on Ukraine. Indeed, Europeans fear being excluded from discussions on the future of Ukraine. France and Germany were fully included in the negotiation over Donbass conflict with Russia and Ukraine before the 22nd of February 2022, in the Format Normandy since 2014.

FRANCE AND GERMANY WERE IN A POLE POSITION AT THE HEART OF NEGOTIATIONS OVER RUSSIA/UKRAINE PEACE UNDER FORMAT NORMANDIE

Here is a summary of the "Normandy Format" meetings that have taken place in Paris at the Elysee Palace since 2014:

October 2, 2015: Meeting between François Hollande, Angela Merkel, Petro Poroshenko and Vladimir Putin2.

December 9, 2019: Summit between Emmanuel Macron, Angela Merkel, Volodymyr Zelensky and Vladimir Putin. This meeting resulted in measures to stabilize the situation in Donbass and implement the Minsk agreements23.

January 26, 2022: Meeting between Emmanuel Macron, Olaf Scholz, Volodymyr Zelensky and Vladimir Putin.

Regarding the potential entry of the United States into the Normandy Format, no information is available in the search results provided. The Normandy Format has always involved only France, Germany, Russia and Ukraine since its creation in 2014. France had a great leader position to keep peace and even could get the American ally enrolled in this to consolidate this one-of-a-kind diplomatic format instead of falling part since the Russian's attack on Ukraine on 24 February 2022...Is it too late now that Donald Trump is the leader who talks with Vladimir Putin to reach a peace agreement or at least a ceasefire in Ukraine?

LIST OF THE PARTICIPANTS AT THE 17th FEBRUARY INFORMAL MEETING AT ELYSEE FRENCH PRESIDENCY

Here is a list of the leaders who attended the informal European meeting (Absence of many countries form the European Union) at Elysee Palace, French presidency that ended in the evening by 8pm.

PARTICIPANTS:
• Heads of government of Germany (Chancelor Olaf Scholz), the United Kingdom (Prime Minister Keir Starmer) , Italy (Prime minister Giorgia Meloni) , Poland (PM Donald Tusk), Spain (Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez), the Netherlands (Dick Schoof) and Denmark (Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen)
• President of the European Council, Antonio Costa
• President of the European Commission, Ursula Von Der Lyen
• Secretary-General of NATO, Mark Rutte

OBJECTIVES ARE TO DEFINE A COMMON EUROPEAN RESPSNE TO US INTIATIVES ON UKRAINE:
• To define a common European response to US initiatives on Ukraine
• To strengthen the security of the European continent'
• To discuss military support for Ukraine, including the possibility of sending peacekeeping troops. French Foreign Minister Jean-Noël Barrot has discussed the deployment of French, British and Polish troops to ensure a future ceasefire
This meeting marks the Europeans' desire to play an active role in resolving the conflict in Ukraine and to strengthen their strategic autonomy in the face of American initiatives.
British Prime Minister Keir Starmer said he was ready to send troops in Ukraine "if necessary"

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