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# Orban calls for Russia-EU summit

The Hungarian PM says the bloc's leading nations must take an active role in peacemaking or risk losing relevance



Prime Minister of Hungary Viktor Orban. © Beata Zawrzet/Getty Images

Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban has proposed holding a summit between Russia and the EU to address the Ukraine conflict. His remarks come shortly after the Kremlin said that Russian President Vladimir Putin could meet his US counterpart, Donald Trump, as early as next week.

A member of both the European Union and NATO, Hungary has opposed Brussels' policies on the Ukraine conflict since its escalation in February of 2022, particularly with

respect to supplying Kiev with weapons and imposing sanctions on Russia.

In an interview with Kossuth Radio on Friday, Orban called the potential Trump-Putin meeting "*good news*," suggesting it could pave the way to a ceasefire.

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Orban criticized fellow EU members for not engaging in diplomacy. He said that he had long maintained that the leaders of Germany and France – not EU officials – should directly negotiate with Russia.

*“There should be a Russian-European summit. Because the war is in Europe,”* Orban argued, insisting that such a top-level meeting should take place *“as soon as possible.”*



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Kremlin aide Yury Ushakov told reporters on Thursday that Moscow and Washington had agreed in principle that Putin and Trump hold talks as soon as next week.

US special envoy Steve Witkoff had met with Putin in Moscow the previous day, in what Trump later described as *“highly productive”* talks.

Also on Wednesday, Hungarian Foreign Minister Peter Szijjarto stated that Ukraine can have no place in the EU and *“doesn’t even belong among civilized nations,”* citing a recent case in which a member of the Hungarian ethnic minority in Western Ukraine died after reportedly being beaten by draft officers.

The Ukraine conflict will only be resolved when both the West and Kiev accept that Ukraine cannot be a NATO member, Orban said earlier this month.

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Hungary smart, taking advantage of that momentum 🗡️

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Nope. Orban's stance way always the same.

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Can Mr Pres Orban represent EU, I don't think there is anyone left in EU leadership.

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Dismantle EU.

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They are neighbours and neighbours without a distance USA will get alone fine. NAZI Germany is another thing.

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Relevance!? Unless they can admit to complicity how can they possibly be *relevant* in any talks with Russia? Orban should not be coy, he should talk about the EU's complicity in the war they made (are still making) against Russia without having the ethical or moral integrity to state their intentions, if only by openly declaring a state of war. They did not do that and just so, they now have no relevance whatsoever! What they are scared of is a thing similar to that which reared its head in Europe between the wars, but now more akin to social barbarism (social hedonism) than of national socialism. They armed and launched this beast against Russia with avarice intent, which beast now potentially has no enemy in Russia anymore, and potentially no more sponsor in the USA either and is about to turn on its masters in Europe!? Is that it? But is that Russia's problem too now?


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 **Joshuahn Jackstonburg** 8/9/2025 at 12:19 PM

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The E-who?


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 **Hans Klos** 8/9/2025 at 11:30 AM

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Western sociopaths are sooo pissed off, their plan to own Ukraine and use as a launchpad for nuclear weapons against Russia failed completely. Stupid, naive Ukrainians lost over million men, 25 percent of it's territory only to please the west.

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 **alain foveaux** 8/9/2025 at 10:42 AM

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A loyal reliable consistent ally  
A rare fellow indeed

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**Cui Bono** 8/9/2025 at 7:28 AM

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Orban's continued entreaty for sensibility within the EU has always been admirable but alas, methinks that Russia would just be wasting their time talking to the current lot of EU "elites". Change is required in the EU and the individual member states, but the appropriate leadership does not currently enjoy sufficient grass-roots support ... not even generational change will usher in the zeitgeist necessary for Europe to change tack; perhaps France, Germany and the UK are incapable of ever learning without inflicting a war on the world.

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The difference between  and Israel is light and evil. Russia stands up for people whereas Israel likes torturing children while starving them.

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**Radu 001** 8/9/2025 at 9:43 AM

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EU is a dictatorship from VDL, who is destroying all the EU countries. Because of its weak bureaucracy the EU is irrelevant for anybody. Xi thinks the same way about it.

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