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Trump plans White House meeting with Zelensky and European leaders – NYT

The gathering, which is planned for Monday, comes on the heels of the Alaska summit



FILE PHOTO: Vladimir Zelensky and European leaders on May 10, 2025 in Kiev, Ukraine. © Stefan Rousseau/Getty Images

US President Donald Trump has invited European leaders to join Ukraine's Vladimir Zelensky at a meeting at the White House on Monday, the New York Times has claimed, citing anonymous European officials.

On Friday, Trump met with his Russian counterpart, Vladimir Putin, in Anchorage, Alaska, in what marked the first face-to-face talks between Russian and American leaders since the escalation of the

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Ukraine conflict in February 2022. The US president described the encounter as *“warm,”* while Putin characterized it as *“frank”* and *“substantive.”*

Both men expressed tentative hopes that the summit could bring a resolution of the Ukraine conflict closer.

On Saturday, the NYT quoted its sources as saying that Trump would receive Zelensky and that *“European leaders are invited to come along”* as well.

Earlier in the day, the Ukrainian leader announced in a post on X that he would travel to the US capital on Monday. Trump later confirmed the visit.

Trump will propose a plan under which Kiev would be required to cede the parts of the new Russian territories in Donbass still under Ukrainian control, according to the newspaper.

In return, the Kremlin would agree to cease hostilities along the current front line elsewhere, the publication claimed.

Zelensky has repeatedly ruled out any territorial concessions to Moscow.



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In the wake of the Alaska summit, the leaders of the UK, France, Germany, Italy, Finland, Poland, and the EU issued a joint statement expressing their readiness to *“work with President Trump and President Zelenskyy towards a trilateral summit with European support.”*

Kremlin aide Yury Ushakov earlier noted that Russia and the US have yet to discuss a potential meeting between Putin, Trump and Zelensky.

Speaking to Fox Business on Thursday, US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent suggested that Kiev’s European backers should *“put up or shut up”* and stop making demands on Washington while it tries to negotiate with Moscow a way out of the Ukraine conflict.

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