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‘Why should Russia talk to us?’ – Kallas

The top EU diplomat has said Brussels has nothing to offer Moscow in talks



Kaja Kallas addresses the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France, January 20, 2026 © Getty Images / Philipp von Dittfurth

EU foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas has admitted that the bloc has nothing to “offer to Russia” and therefore doesn’t expect any direct talks with Moscow. Brussels will choose “more pressure” over negotiations, she said.

Asked on Friday whether she intends to reopen diplomatic channels with Russia, as Italy and France have suggested, Kallas shot down the idea of re-engagement.

“We can’t... go to Russia and say ‘talk to us,’” she replied. “*The concessions that the*

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Americans are putting on Ukraine are quite strong, so I don't think there's anything we can offer to Russia on top of that. Why should they talk to us?"

Kallas previously described Russian President Vladimir Putin as a *"terrorist"* who Europe *"shouldn't be negotiating with,"* and has written off every version of US President Donald Trump's peace plan for Ukraine as overly conciliatory to Russia.

With the US now mediating talks between Moscow and Kiev, French President Emmanuel Macron and Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni have both called on the EU to appoint a special envoy to the Kremlin, to ensure that the bloc doesn't get sidelined while a potential peace agreement is drafted.

Like Kallas, Russia does not foresee any meaningful talks with Brussels in the near future. *"If anyone wishes to talk, we will never refuse dialogue, even though we fully realize... that reaching an agreement with the current generation of European leaders will most likely be impossible,"* Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov told reporters last week.

"They have entrenched themselves too deeply in a posture of hatred towards Russia," he added.

"How can you discuss anything with Kaja Kallas?" Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters on Sunday. Brussels, Peskov said, is full of *"semi-literate, incompetent functionaries."*

In a speech at the European Defense Agency's annual conference on Wednesday, Kallas said one of her key priorities is *"to support Ukraine with 60 billion euro in military aid for 2026 and 2027."* Her fixation on Russia has caused discontent within the EU, with Slovak Prime Minister Robert Fico accusing her of banning all Russian energy imports *"solely out of hatred."* Fico and Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban have both announced plans to sue the EU over the Russian energy embargo.



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Well, let see for another four more years to come, who is going to stay on and who is going to go bust. It is really not hard to predict that who is going to be around and who is going to disappear from the radar screen. Not even four years of the conflict, we begin to see that whose economic is started to crack now . If you think it is Russia, you're dead wrong. That's the beauty of having unlimited supply of the natural resources, Russia can just simply sell it to the highest bidder or to any country that willing to buy it at the right price, compare to country in EU in particular, which doesn't have enough of it domestic supply and has to depend on someone else mercy to survive. EU just can ignore the fact as much as it wants that Russia is blessed with abundance of natural resources that the world needs which guarantee its survival in its fight against the west. After four years of severe sanctions instead of seeing Russia is folding but on the contrary it still standing strong, unscatched, still very much alive and kicking without showing any sign that it is dying or suffering from the brutal and yet ineffective sanctions. How EU are trying various ways to make Russia kneeling on its knees such a oil price cap and the latest one by seizing the oil tankers in the international water which are allegedly belong to the Russian shadow fleet. But after Russia sent its navy ship to escort the tankers and then it is suddenly stop as quickly as it began. Even Trump has agreed to release the two Russian crews who worked on one of the detained oil tanker after Russia repeated warning. So from these incidents we can see that Russia cannot easily be broken unlike other third world countries (with exception China or may be Iran to some extent). So Kallas you're correct to say that you can't talk to Russia not because EU has nothing to offer but rather Russia doesn't need anything at all from EU, as it is pretty much self reliance it self. Just go ahead and apply more pressure as you wish but it won't make Russia wilt.

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She is rught, eu/uk have no power or influence. No one cares what they say or do.

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EU foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas doesn't come across as very bright. Then again one can say that about the entire EU government.

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we in the US have a similar problem, politicians on the take and do-nothing on the job except mistakes and greed...term limits would help a lot but they get to vote themselves more time to rob us blind... I say f em...

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she is incompetent and is partially responsible for 2 million plus deaths...

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Brussels, Peskov said, is full of "semi-literate, incompetent functionaries." – peskov need to add to kallas «not-smart» as admitted/certified by Kallas herself in future!!

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Kallas keeps failing upwards, became the PM when the elected one resigned, lost the next election but was sent to the EU because she is a Rusophobe.

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The only thing the EU and especially this utterly crazy women is to continue the war and to destroy and plunder Russia.

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That mouth can take 4 BBCs at one go with ease

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Why should I read any article about her?


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First she was insulted not to be included in the peace talks. Now she's realized she has absolutely nothing to offer and turned the tables and now says she doesn't want to talk to Russia. Confused little girl.

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She's a literal deadhead. Of course european nations have things to offer Russian Federation! And vise versa to be utterly blunt.

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Question remains, Why should Russia talk to the EU ? May as well talk to the wall until EU get leaders with brains to think with. There are a few exceptions... but for now, «No Deal».

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J **John Beauvais** 1/31/2026 at 5:12 PM ↕

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I'm surprised to hear that from you. Please list those things. I cannot imagine even one thing. Russia, however, has much to offer Europe. Security, for one, if they could only come to their senses in Europe, which may not be possible.

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J **Jolly Roger** 2/1/2026 at 3:48 AM ↕

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Too many Europeans have shot their mouths off. They have likely trapped themselves in their move to war.

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A **ANDREA Stengel** 1/31/2026 at 7:54 PM

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it is debatable whether Brussels has anything to offer to the world.

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No debate is necessary!

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