

Cyprus Does Not Need Russian Loan

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Cyprus has reached an agreement to receive financial support from European lenders, which makes it unlikely that the country will need a loan from Russia, Finance Minister Anton Siluanov said on Tuesday.

Cyprus has asked both Moscow and the European Union for aid to refinance its banks, severely affected by the euro-zone debt crisis and exposure to Greece. The country may require up to 10 billion euros (\$13 billion), according to a draft deal with international lenders.

"Cyprus had agreed with European lenders on its own so I think it may not require Russian loans," Siluanov told journalists in Sochi.

But for the final agreement on Cyprus, euro-zone finance ministers need the results of an audit of Cypriot banks, which will show how much money the sector will need to boost capital.

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