

Merkel and Putin Agree on Need for Gas Deal With Ukraine

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Russia's President Vladimir Putin (R) walks next German Chancellor Angela Merkel as he arrives for a meeting on the sidelines of a Europe-Asia summit (ASEM) in Milan, Oct. 17, 2014.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Russian President Vladimir Putin stressed the importance of reaching an agreement on gas supplies to Ukraine in a telephone call, the Kremlin said Friday.

"A hope was expressed that the next round of three-party consultations between officials from Russia, Ukraine and the European Union on Oct. 29 in Brussels will be productive," the Kremlin's press service said in a statement.

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