

Italy's Renzi Says Russia Remains Key EU Partner During Berlin Visit

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Italy's Prime Minister Matteo Renzi holds a news conference at the European Council headquarters after a European Union leaders summit in Brussels.

BERLIN — Europe should not be seen as a bulwark against Russia, Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi said on Wednesday.

In a speech during a visit to Berlin, Renzi said that while Russia needed to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine, Moscow remained a key partner in the fight against terrorism.

"There is a tendency by some in eastern Europe to see Europe as a bulwark against Russia," Renzi said, adding that this was a misguided vision.

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