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Kremlin Eyes Better Ties With Bulgaria, Moldova After Pro-Russia Election Victories

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The Kremlin is hoping to revive ties with Bulgaria and Moldova after both countries saw pro-Russia candidates elected as president, the Interfax news agency reported Monday.

Bulgarian Rumen Radev and Moldovan Igor Dodon were both victorious in their respective countries during presidential elections on Sunday. Both pledged to restore better ties with Moscow during their campaigns.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov claimed that the Kremlin did not want to "fixate" on the politicians' reported pro-Russia leanings, but said that the Russian government was "impressed" with both leaders' "willingness to enter dialogue."

Peskov also hinted that the election could see the start of some joint Russian-Bulgarian projects, but claimed that discarded plans to build a gas pipeline to Bulgaria were unlikely to be revived.

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