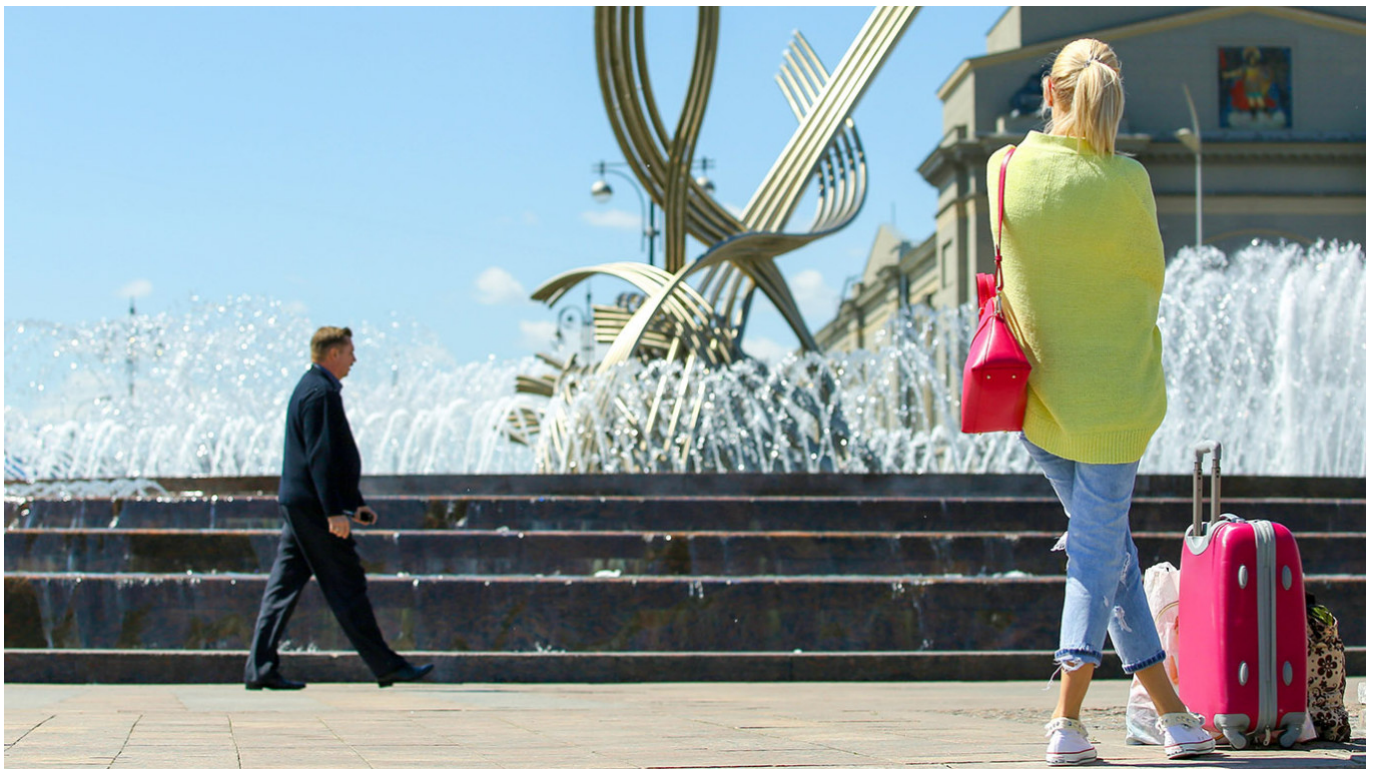


Moscow's 'Square of Europe' Renamed to 'Square of Eurasia'

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Europe Square near Kievsky Railway Station in Moscow. **Moskva News Agency**

Authorities in Moscow on Wednesday [renamed](#) the capital city's Square of Europe as the Square of Eurasia amid Russia's worsening relations with the West over the full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

The Square of Europe, located in front of the bustling Kievsky Railway Station, was unveiled in 2002 as part of a joint Russian-Belgian project symbolizing European unity.

Mayor Sergei Sobyanin's decision to rename the square comes after the flags of 48 European countries were [removed](#) from the public space in March 2023, 13 months after President Vladimir Putin ordered troops into neighboring Ukraine.

A decree published on the Moscow Mayor's Office website does not explain the reason for the name change.

However, state-affiliated media [reported](#) that "the decision reflects Moscow's intention to

give the square a new name that reflects a broader geographical concept of Eurasia.”

The independent investigative news outlet IStories [called](#) it “the first example of the de-Europeanization of place names,” though it was not immediately clear if authorities in the Russian capital had recently undertaken any similar name changes of public spaces.

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