

Press-Release

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Joint press-release following the meeting between the EU Delegation and the Association of European **Businesses**

At our joint meeting today we exchanged information and impressions about recent developments in relation to the Ukraine-crisis.

De-escalation remains vital. We are encouraged by steps toward dialogue from all sides to deescalate the situation.

We note that high level conversations are on-going and we welcome the perspective for positive steps that can help stabilise the situation in and around Ukraine.

The relationship between EU and Russia is going through difficult times, but the communications channels remain open.

In developing relations with Russia we continue to base ourselves on a rules-based approach.

We continue to support businesses in maintaining the trade and investment links with Russia.

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