

## VLADIMIR POUTINE TO BE VISITING PDT MACRON ON 19TH AUGUST AT FORT BREGANCON

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**USPA NEWS** - Sergey Lavrov said he was in favor of a meeting of the Russian, Ukrainian, French and German governments to negotiate a way out of the crisis in Ukraine. On one condition: the respect of the agreements concluded in 2016 in Minsk.

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President Emmanuel Macron is about to welcome and receive President Vladimir Poutine on the 19th of August, at Fort Bregancon, the French Presidential Residence of holiday, next to Borme les mimosas, in the South of France. The two head of states, should be discussing the principal topic of « Format Normandie » among other topics to be tackled, during this short list, ahead of the G7 which will be held in Biarritz during 24-26th August.

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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said he favored a meeting in this format, adding however the United States and Great Britain. The "charge d'affaires" of the United States Embassy in Ukraine, William Taylor, for his part announced that Washington was interested in the proposal of the new Ukrainian leader, after saying he did not see the interest of a such format. Source RT

Furthermore, According to Sputniknews, Russia is ready for a meeting in "Normandy format," Russian Foreign Ministry chief Sergei Lavrov said. However, it is first necessary to settle the previous agreements agreed by the leaders of Ukraine, France, Germany and Russia, said Lavrov Thursday, August 15 at the All-Russian Youth Forum territory of the senses ("Діалог на території почуттів"). According to the minister, Moscow will firmly defend the need to enforce the Minsk protocol and thus a ceasefire in Donbass, Ukraine. He added that it was necessary to realize what the leaders of the "Normandy format" quartet governments had agreed on in October 2016. At the time, they agreed on the lifting of forces and resources in the three territories of the contact line, and the entry into force of the law on the special status of Donbass.

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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky had previously called for an urgent meeting of the leaders of the quartet of the "Normandy format" by inviting US President Donald Trump and former British Prime Minister Theresa May. On July 11, Vladimir Putin considered it possible to consider such a meeting after the formation of a new government and the holding of parliamentary elections in Ukraine. He also added that it was necessary to wait for the response of the other countries concerned. The detailed exchange between Emmanuel Macron and Vladimir Putin about the Ukrainian subject is expected during a meeting in the summer residence of the French president at Fort Brégançon August 19, said the spokesman of the Russian head of state Dmitry Peskov.

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