

EU leaders welcome US-Ukraine talks in Saudi Arabia: ‘The ball is now in Russia’s court’

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The European Council President António Costa and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen have welcomed yesterday’s news from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, concerning the US-Ukraine talks, including the proposal for a ceasefire agreement and the resumption of US intelligence sharing and security assistance.

“This is a positive development that can be a step towards a comprehensive, just and lasting peace for Ukraine,” both EU leaders said in their posts on X. *“The ball is now in Russia’s court.”*

They added that the EU was ready *“to play its full part”*, together with its partners, in the upcoming peace negotiations.