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Biden in Germany for Russia-Ukraine War Talks With European Leaders

President Joe Biden arrived in Berlin, Germany, last night for meetings with leaders of Germany, France, and the U.K. to discuss Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky's "Victory Plan" proposals that he claims will end the Russia-Ukraine war.



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We're wheels down in Berlin.

Ready to greet old friends and strengthen our close alliance as we stand together for freedom and against tyranny around the world.

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— President Biden (@POTUS)
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Biden met with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and discussed U.S.-German relations, the Russia-Ukraine war, and the Middle East, [according to a White House statement](#):

President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. met today with Chancellor Olaf Scholz of Germany at the Chancellery to discuss the longstanding U.S.-German relationship, grounded in our shared democratic values. The two leaders coordinated on support for Ukraine in its self-defense against Russian aggression; efforts to counter antisemitism and other forms of hate at home and abroad; the Middle East; amongst other global issues.

Your visit is a strong signal of our transatlantic unity, and of our friendship.

Together we stand up for the sovereignty and integrity of Ukraine.

For a strong NATO that defends every square inch of its territory.

For the basic principles of a free world.

Thank you, Joe. pic.twitter.com/EixA8C44FJ

— Bundeskanzler Olaf Scholz (@Bundeskanzler) [October 18, 2024](#)

Biden's visit to Europe occurs as U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin attended NATO meetings this week in Brussels, Belgium, to discuss supporting Ukraine in its war with Russia, strengthening alliances



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with Asia-Pacific partners, and reinforcing NATO's deterrence and defense.

At [#DefMin](#), Ministers committed to further support Ukraine, strengthen ties with partners in the Asia-Pacific and reinforce the Alliance's deterrence and defence.

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— NATO (@NATO) [October 18, 2024](#)

Austin held a press conference following the NATO meetings, and answered questions on the future of Ukraine's defense. During the press conference, Austin stated Ukraine has successfully defended its sovereign territory with the help of NATO, and will continue to receive assistance in future defense:

We've been doing two things simultaneously, we're focused on providing Ukraine what it needs to be successful on a battlefield today as it tries to defend its sovereign territory, and its been very successful at that, and I would remind everybody that Ukraine has taken on the largest military in Europe, and for two-and-a-half years it has successfully defended its territory, and Putin has not achieved not one strategic objective that he set out to achieve. Kyiv still stands, the Ukrainian government did not fold, and I can name a number of other things but they have been very, very successful. So helping them defend in the current fight is one objective, the other objective is making sure that we help them get whats necessary to be able to defend against aggression in the future, and deter aggression as well.

LIVE: [@SecDef](#) Lloyd J. Austin III and [@SecGenNATO](#) Mark Rutte brief the media following a [@NATO](#) defense ministerial meeting in Brussels. <https://t.co/ybpzXgaz8O>

— Department of Defense [] (@DeptofDefense) [October 18, 2024](#)



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