

## Informal meeting of EU Foreign Ministers (Gymnich): Remarks by t



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Good morning to all of you.

[Today], we are going to talk about very important issues. We are going to talk about Belarus and the situation in the Eastern Mediterranean. Everybody is focussing on what kind of decisions we will propose regarding sanctions. We are going to discuss that.

As you know, this is an informal meeting; it cannot take decisions, only political proposals that will be developed later.

I think that the discussions will be important, because the level of the sanctions and who to sanction is something that needs to be fully considered.

We are also [tomorrow] going to talk about the relationship with Russia, which is also a difficult issue, especially after [the alleged poisoning of the opposition leader \[Alexei Navalny\]](#).

So, it is going to be an important meeting, which requires us all to be [physically] together, because these things are very difficult to discuss via video conference.

Thank you.

Link to the video: <https://audiovisual.ec.europa.eu/en/video/I-194217>