
EU HAS AMBITIOUS APPROACH TO AGREEMENT WITH AZERBAIJAN: MARD

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The EU has an ambitious approach to the upcoming agreement between the Union and Azerbaijan, Malena Mard, head of the EU Delegation to Azerbaijan, told reporters in Baku Feb. 14.

We want to look into very many areas □ as you know □ energy, economy, trade, people to people contacts, good governance, she said.

The European Council adopted a mandate for the European Commission and the high representative for foreign affairs and security policy to negotiate, on behalf of the EU and its member states, a comprehensive agreement with Azerbaijan in November 2016.

The new agreement should replace the 1996 partnership and cooperation agreement and should better take account of the shared objectives and challenges the EU and Azerbaijan face today.

The agreement will follow the principles endorsed in the 2015 review of the European Neighborhood Policy and offer a renewed basis for political dialogue and mutually beneficial cooperation between the EU and Azerbaijan.

Currently, bilateral relations between the EU and Azerbaijan are regulated on the basis of an agreement on partnership and cooperation that was signed in 1996 and entered into force in 1999.

The new agreement envisages the compliance of Azerbaijan's legislation and procedures with the

EUs most important international trade norms and standards, which should lead to the improvement of Azerbaijani goods access to the EU markets.

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