
EU, AZERBAIJAN TO HOLD NEXT ROUND TALKS ON NEW DEAL IN JULY

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The next round of talks on the new strategic partnership agreement between the European Union and Azerbaijan is planned to be held in July, Denis Daniilidis, first counselor of the EU Embassy in Azerbaijan, told reporters in Baku June 14.

It has not been yet determined whether the talks will be held in Baku or Brussels, according to Daniilidis.

He reminded that the second round of negotiations was held on June 13-14.

Daniilidis noted that the negotiations were very successful and good progress was made in the talks.

He said there is good will in both sides to reach an agreement quicker and both sides are ready for compromises.

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.

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