
EU'S SEFCOVIC UPBEAT AFTER GAS TALKS WITH RUSSIA, UKRAINE

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BRUSSELS (Reuters) □ Trilateral talks about the transit of Russian gas to Europe through Ukraine were constructive and have taken steps in the right direction, European commissioner Maros Sefcovic said on Thursday.

I believe that today we have taken steps in the right direction. In other words, there was convergence of the position on most of the issues we discussed, Sefcovic told a news conference after a third round of trilateral talks in Brussels.

Sefcovic said the sides had agreed that a future contract should be based on EU law and EU rules and it was important that Ukraines Naftogaz would be unbundled, creating a new company to handle transit of gas through Ukraine.

We agreed * that we would resume our meeting at the political level by the end of October, when I hope we will have much more progress achieved on the issues that we put on the table today.

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