
UKRAINE EYES ANTI-BALLISTIC SYSTEMS WITH EU'S €90 BILLION LOAN

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A European Commission official close to discussions over the EU's 90 billion loan for Ukraine has told Euronews that Kyiv has suggested that the next defence funding envelope could be used to acquire anti-ballistic missile systems, among other capabilities.

The official could not specify whether these would be the American-made Patriot air defence missile system or its European equivalent – the Franco-Italian SAMP/T NG ground-to-air missile system — as the discussions were ongoing and no formal product schedule had been placed.

The upcoming order is expected to be made before September, with missiles and drones expected to also be requested.

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