

Germany and France Could Join Putin-Poroshenko Talks in Milan

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A meeting between Russia's Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko in Milan later this week could take place with the leaders of France and Germany, Kremlin aide Yuri Ushakov told reporters on Wednesday.

He said Putin and Poroshenko may also hold bilateral talks during a summit of European and Asian leaders to take place in Milan on Oct. 16-17 but added no agreement had yet been reached. Ushakov also said Putin was expected to meet Angela Merkel on Oct. 16.

A Kremlin statement issued late on Tuesday said the Ukrainian and Russian presidents had spoken by telephone and discussed measures to restore peace in eastern Ukraine.

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