



TRANSCRIPCIÓN

COMPARECENCIA CONJUNTA ANTE LOS MEDIOS DE COMUNICACIÓN DEL PRESIDENTE DEL GOBIERNO, PEDRO SÁNCHEZ, LA PRESIDENTA DE LA REPÚBLICA DE MOLDAVIA, MAIA SANDU, Y EL PRIMER MINISTRO DE LA REPÚBLICA CHECA, PETR FIALA, TRAS LA II CUMBRE DE LA COMUNIDAD POLÍTICA EUROPEA

Bulboaca (Moldavia), 1 de junio de 2023

INTERVENCIÓN DEL PRESIDENTE DEL GOBIERNO, PEDRO SÁNCHEZ

Thank you very much, dear Maia, for the invitation today to the second summit of the European Political Community. Let me congratulate you for the successful meeting and the fruitful discussions we have had in this impressive setting of the Mimi castle.

And it is not by chance that we all have wished to hold this second summit in Moldova. It shows the commitment of our whole continent with this marvelous country and its government. Moldova is at the center of the European family, and we commend the efforts Moldova is undertaking to become a member of the European Union. I would like to encourage you in this endeavour and, of course, you can count on our full support.

Today we, the leaders of the European Political Community, have met for the second time after the first meeting in Prague.

And, as it was the case then, we wish to send a strong message of unity of the European family against Putin's war of aggression against Ukraine. Our democratic freedoms, the principles and values underpinning the European Union and the international rules-based order, are all threatened by Russia's war of aggression. And, against this challenge, we have to react and do it together.

The European Political Community fosters what we, Europeans, value most, which are dialogue and cooperation. In an informal and flexible context, we have discussed issues of shared interest in order to find common solutions or exchange good practices. This means bringing our societies closer together. And forging peace and stability in Europe.

We have focused our discussions on several strands of work:

First of all, connectivity on a broader sense. We need to promote existing initiatives that bring the European citizens closer. For example, enhancing mobility of young people. Erasmus plus is a success case we should build on. In 2022 nearly 900 exchanges between Spain and countries from the Eastern Neighbourhood took place. Digital is another key area. We welcome progress made to lift roaming charges with Moldova.

And secondly, energy and infrastructure. We have exchanged views on specific projects which represent the best examples of cooperation. For example, the H2MED hydrogen corridor to be developed jointly by Spain, Portugal and France. Or recent proposals to extend the Mediterranean corridor from Spain to Ukraine, as well as recent projects to adapt the railway infrastructure of Eastern Europe.



And finally, security. Security has been another topic for discussion, with a focus on hybrid threats or nuclear safety and security in Ukraine. And we had President Zelensky among us, which allowed us to reiterate him personally our support and the calls for a fair, just and lasting peace in Ukraine.

As you can see, we held today in depth discussions that we will continue soon in Spain, in Granada.

So, dear Maia, dear all, my country will be hosting the next meeting of this forum. It is an honour and a responsibility we take very seriously. Spain is looking forward to receiving you all in the ancient city of Granada on 5 October to continue our debates, to enrich our ideas and, above all, to reinforce our ties and our unity.

(Transcripción editada por la Secretaría de Estado de Comunicación)
(Intervención original en inglés)