

Germany's Sigmar Gabriel to visit Ukraine conflict zones

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German Foreign Minister Sigmar Gabriel is set to visit the areas near the Ukrainian frontline during a two-day trip to the country. He is expected to discuss Berlin's diplomatic role in "countering Russian aggression."

BERLIN, Jan 3, 2018 - Germany's top diplomat Sigmar Gabriel will arrive in Ukraine on Wednesday for talks with his Ukrainian counterpart Pavel Klimkin. The two ministers will discuss the implementation of the [Minsk peace accords](#). "The key issue of the talks will be the role of Germany, alongside France, in the Normandy format to counter Russian aggression," the Ukrainian ministry said in a statement. "On this account, the minister will discuss further joint steps to restore the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine as well as the release of Ukrainian prisoners captured by Russians." [⋮] [http://www.dw.com/en/germanys-sigmar- ... conflict-zones/a-42007261](http://www.dw.com/en/germanys-sigmar-... conflict-zones/a-42007261)