

EU leaders extend Russian sanctions over Ukraine for six more months

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EU leaders agreed to extend sanctions against Russia for six months over the Ukraine conflict. But there are concerns that the Trump-Putin summit in July may disrupt a common stance.

From Deutsche Welle, June 29, 2018 After meeting in Brussels on Friday, the European Council (EC) announced that EU leaders agreed to extend economic sanctions against Russia for six months. The decision will be formally confirmed in the coming days, an EU official said. The EU first imposed sanctions in July 2014 after Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 was shot down over Ukraine, killing 298 people. [The EU has blamed pro-Russian rebels for the attack](#). Read more: [Is NATO doing enough to pressure Russia over Ukraine?](#) The sanctions are aimed at Russia's financial, energy and defense industries. They are specifically intended to block Russian banks' access to EU markets and limit Russian access to some EU imports. [⋮] <https://p.dw.com/p/30WwA>