

## **MÁTÉ DEÁK**

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### **Spanish response on Russian War: the Spanish-Russian relations after 2014**

Despite the geographical distance, Spain is significantly affected by the Russian-Ukrainian war. After the annexation of Crimea in 2014, the Spanish government pursued a typically pro-Russian policy, but this changed radically by 2022. After the Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2022, Spain also introduced sanctions against Russia, like most of the member states of the European Union. Due to the above-mentioned sanctions, the Spanish authorities seized several superyachts linked to Russian oligarchs and announced the expulsion of 25 Russian diplomats and embassy employees, who were deemed to pose a threat to Spain's security. At the same time, by July 2022, Russia became the second largest supplier of gas after the USA, overtaking Algeria in the ranking, while Spanish-Algerian relations sank to the lowest point regarding Western Sahara. The presentation reviews the evolution of Spanish-Russian relations from 2014 to the present day.