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## **BULGARIA EXPLORING NUCLEAR SYNERGY WITH GREECE**

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*Country's prime minister tells Kathimerini that Sofia will be submitting a proposal to Athens within the next 12 months*

Athens and Sofia are accelerating joint efforts to become less dependent on Russian natural gas, Bulgarian Prime Minister Kiril Petkov indicates in an interview with Kathimerini.

Petkov explains why Bulgaria will not follow the European Union should it decide to impose an embargo on Russias state-owned gas company Gazprom and responds emphatically to calls from Moscow for NATO to leave Bulgaria. He also stresses that ties between Bulgaria and Russia are close but says this is separate to the authoritarian regime of President Vladimir Putin.

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