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Head of National Security Bureau in Spain for NATO, EU defence talks

Preparations for the next NATO summit and defence cooperation between NATO and the EU dominated National Security Bureau (BBN) head Pawel Soloch's Friday-concluded talks in Spain.

In Spain Pawel Soloch spoke with officials from the country's foreign and defence ministries and the Spanish Institute for Strategic Studies. He also visited the Combined Air Operations Centre (CAOC) and the European Union Satellite Centre (EU SATCEN) in Torrejon.

Minister told PAP on Friday that the talks focused on the coming NATO summit and security on the Alliance's southern flank. He added that although Spain had a "different sensitivity" than Poland regarding international affairs and was more concentrated on the South, its view of Russia was changing, partly owing to suspected Russian participation in the information war around recent events in the Spanish province Catalonia.

P. Soloch said both Spain and Poland believed NATO and EU security undertakings should be complementary. In this context he criticised plans to split security tasks between the two, with NATO focusing on major threats and the EU guarding security in the South through the Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO) mechanism.

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