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## **DENIS MANTUROV MEETS FORMER GERMAN CHANCELLOR GERHARD SCHROEDER**

### **VIEWS ON PROSPECTS FOR FUTURE RELATIONS**

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The Russian Minister of Trade and Industry thanked the German ex-Chancellor for a significant contribution to strengthening the cooperation between the two countries.

Denis Manturov noted 'During your time in office, you laid a very solid foundation for Russian-German relations, the lasting benefits of which are still felt today, particularly in the current challenging environment,'

Talking about furthering the industrial cooperation between Russia and Germany, the minister specifically noted the participation of Russian regional leaders in working meetings scheduled in the programme of his visit to Germany 'I specifically invited representatives of Russian regions to join our meeting for them to establish direct links with German regions'.

Responding to the former Chancellor's questions about Russia's life under sanctions, the Russian Minister of Trade and Industry said that Western policy makers were greatly mistaken in believing that Russia heavily relied on Western technologies.

In concluding the meeting, Gerhard Schroeder indicated his support for the approach towards furthering cooperation in trade and industry outlined by the Russian Minister of Trade and Industry and added that the role of German business community and industry associations should not be underestimated.

According to the ex-Chancellor, they should make efforts to ensure that Germany's small and medium businesses actively pursue cooperation with Russia as Russia has been and remains Germany's largest partner.

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