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ACCORDING TO THE PRESIDENT, BULGARIA HOLDS A 'GOLDEN CARD' IN THE EU

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President Iliana Iotova called for the return of Europe's leadership positions by building greater independence in the areas of security, economy and technology.

In an interview with bTV, she said that the wars in Ukraine and the Middle East have revealed serious weaknesses in European responses and defence. She supported the idea of strengthening the European defence capacity, but as a pillar within NATO, not as an alternative to it.

The President rejected comparisons of Bulgarian policy with the Hungarian model, but added that the EU is not a classroom in which countries blindly follow foreign lessons. Iotova firmly supported the Prime Minister's arguments against the possible inclusion of Russian Patriarch Kirill in the EU sanctions lists.

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