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The paper presented examines the nature and depth of contemporary Hungarian-Russian relations. In recent years, a rapprochement has taken place between NATO and EU member Hungary and Russia. This development has been viewed by many in the West as a sign of a deeper political alliance in the making between the Hungarian government and Russian President Vladimir Putin. The paper argues that the Hungarian–Russian rapprochement is based on pragmatic interests from the Hungarian side and is focused namely on economic opportunities. In this context, the paper gives an overview of how the two sides perceive each other, identify the main related national interests and examine the key areas of cooperation. Cooperation has clear limits and a strategic partnership, questioning Hungary's Western orientation, is unlikely to develop.

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