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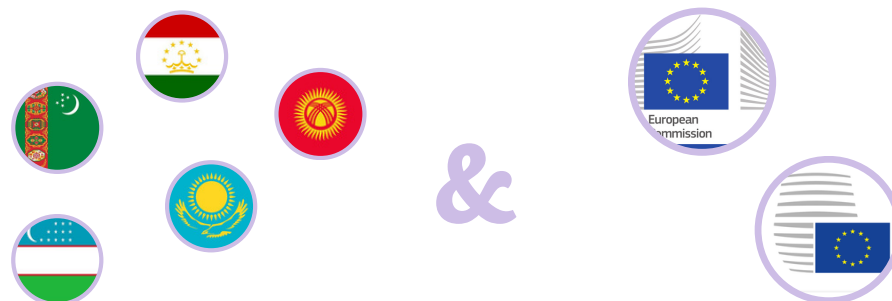
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Apple and Meta fined for breaching the DMA



04th April 2025, Samarkand (Uzbekistan)

With the withdrawal of the U.S. from development programs (e.g., USAID), Brussels is reaffirming its commitment to a region of great importance for global affairs.



They agreed to a €12 billion package, part of the EU's Global Gateway Initiative, which aims to :



clean energy

sustainable
transport



digital
connectivity

water
management



As strategic partners amid shifting geopolitical currents, both parties agreed on the importance to strengthen cooperation on security issues, such as drug trafficking, hybrid threats, terrorism.

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EU-CENTRAL ASIA SUMMIT



04th April 2025, Rome (Italy)

Under the guise of civil security, the Italian government revoked emergency power to issue a controversial decree, allowing them to bypass parliamentary procedures to implement the measures.

Here are some provisions brought by the 20 laws :



police and military personnel can continue their duties even if they are under investigation for acts committed while on duty



passive resistance is now a criminal offense punishable by one to five years in prison



law enforcement officers are now allowed to carry personal weapons off duty without a license

While the decree still has to be approved by parliament within 60 days of its adoption, its passing by the government led to widespread public protests and criticism from opposition parties for its impact on Italy's democratic values and human rights obligations.



09th April 2025, Ukraine

spring offensive took place on several fronts: in the north and south of Ukraine, in the Donetsk region and with targeted missile strikes on major cities such as Kiev.



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North-east



intense battles and the capture / advance of the Sumy and in Kharkiv regions

Donetsk & Kursk



intensification of ground assaults to disrupt Ukraine's supply lines

Isolated strikes



North Korean KN-23 ballistic missile was fired into Kiev, killing 12 people and injuring more than 90

In parallel, diplomatic efforts led by the United States and European allies to establish a ceasefire intensified.



**21st April 2025, Domus Sanctae Marthae
(Vatican City)**

Following the death of Pope Francis, the Catholic Church enters a period of transition, with a conclave to elect his successor due to take place between May 6 and 12, 2025. Potential candidates include :



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The outcome of the conclave is of great importance, as the choice of the next pope will significantly influence the direction of the Church.

Especially since Pope Francis has introduced essential reforms and approved major achievements.

2015

**Historic US Congress
Address**

2016

**Meeting with Russian
Orthodox Patriarch**

2019

**Curia Reform
Initiatives**



23rd April 2025, Brussels (Belgium)



anti-steering behavior



500.000.000 €



“Consent or Pay”
model



200.000.000 €

While Apple was investigated over potential restrictions on app developers to inform users of cheaper options outside the App Store, Meta was investigated over its “Consent or Pay” model for Facebook and Instagram, which forces users to either accept invasive tracking or pay for privacy.

The Commission wanted to send a clear message: the EU is ready to apply sanctions swiftly, without waiting years as in past antitrust cases.

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