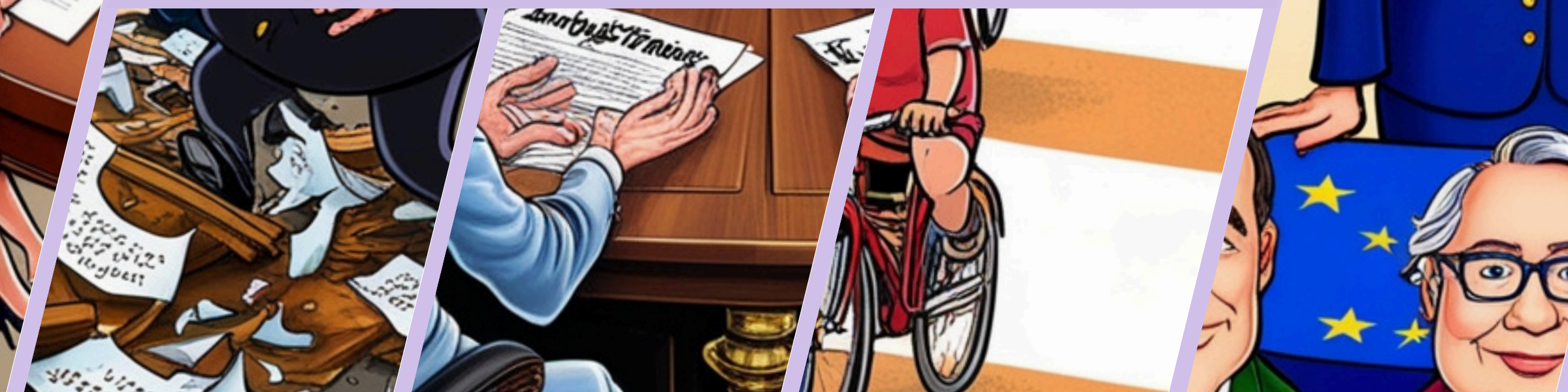




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New College of Commissioners “approved” by the MEPs



07th November 2024, Budapest (Hungary)

The 5th summit of the European Political Community brought together 42 Europhads of state and government to discuss:



competitiveness of the
European economy



migration



energy



strategic autonomy in
defense

Another important part of the debate revolved around the re-election of Donald Trump as US President.



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Viktor Orban: "There was an agreement that Europe should take more responsibility for its peace and security. To be blunt, we cannot wait for the Americans to protect us."

Giorgia Meloni: "Don't ask yourself what the United States can do for you, ask yourself what Europe should do for itself."



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Nikos Christodoulides: "The European Union needs the United States and only through enhanced cooperation can we meet the common challenges."

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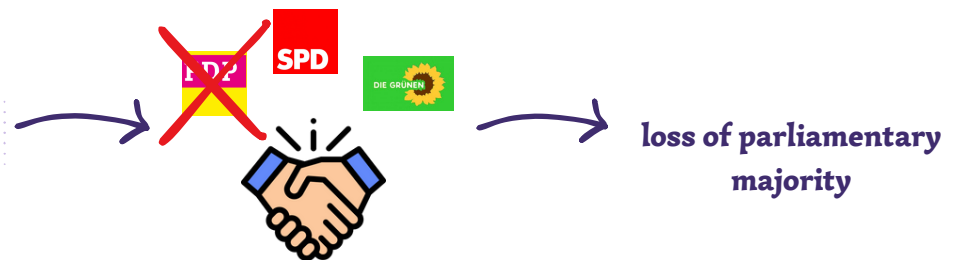


12th November 2024, Berlin (Germany)

The German Chancellor announced the collapse of his ruling coalition after the dismissal of Finance Minister Christian Linder led the liberals to withdraw from the coalition.



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current ruling coalition

The Bundestag will then be dissolved, leading to new elections, set for February 23, 2025.



next ruling coalition

It is expected that the next coalition will consist of the conservatives, the social democrats, and the greens.



15th November 2024, Luxembourg

In April 2021, the New York Times reported the existence of text messages between Ursula von der Leyen (Commission's President) and Albert Bourla (Pfizer's CEO), on the purchase of COVID-19 vaccines.



Despite several requests for access to these messages, the Commission never made them public.

In consequence, the NYTimes took the case to the European Court of Justice (ECJ) in January 2023, arguing that the text messages must be preserved and made available on request, according to the EU's 2001 regulation on public access to documents. The hearings of the case took place on Friday November 15, 2024.

A decision is expected in the coming months, as the Court is currently deliberating. Should the ECJ side with the NYTimes, it would set a powerful precedent that could mark a turning point in the landscape of transparency within the EU institutions.

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VDL'S PFIZERGATE TRIAL ENTERED THE HEARINGS STAGE

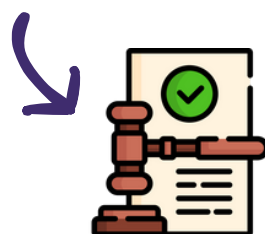


22nd November 2024, Budapest (Hungary)

After 13 years, Bulgarian and Romania will soon be part of the Schengen area. This comes after the interior ministers of Bulgaria, Romania, and Austria agreed on their full accession, on 22 November in Budapest.



Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban took advantage of his rotating presidency of the Council to speed up the accession process. He claimed that Bulgaria had made “fantastic” progress over the years in meeting the Schengen conditions, and highlighted the economic development opportunities this represented for Romanian communities.



With the Council’s formal decision to lift border controls finalized, the vote for formal accession is expected to take place at the next Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) Council, on December 12, 2024.

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ROMANIA AND BULGARIA TO JOIN THE SCHENGEN AREA



27th November 2024, Brussels (Belgium)

Following the hearings of the candidate Commissioners between November 4 and 12, the votes took place in plenary session on Wednesday September 27, 2024.



370 votes



36 votes



282 votes



With a majority of 54%, it is the lowest in EU history !

This historic low support is due to the importance of the right-wing in the new College of Commissioners. By entrusting the Italian candidate Rafaella Fitto (ECR) with the role of Executive Vice-President, groups like S&D, Renew, and the Greens decided to reject vdL's list of candidates. At the same time, it also enabled to win the support of other right-wing parties, who had initially opposed to von der Leyen's second term of office last July.

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