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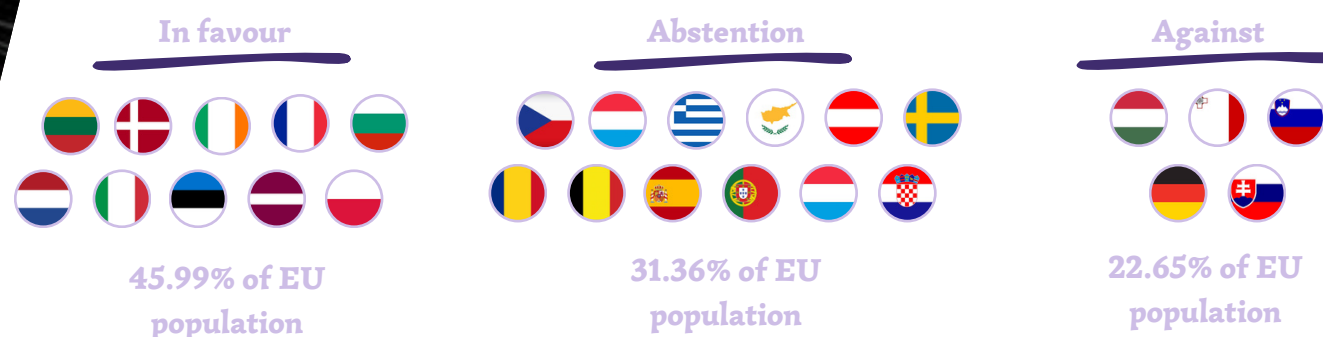
EU countries increased controls and checks of their internal borders



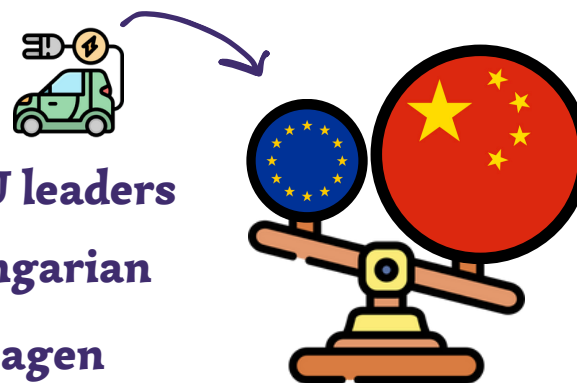
04th October 2024, Brussels (Belgium)

After a year-long investigation, the Commission found that Chinese electric vehicle (EV) companies benefited from subsidies, which is harming the European carmakers.

EU leaders then met on October 4, 2024 to vote on the application of tariffs.



Despite non-majority support, the opposition did not reach 15 countries representing 65% of the EU population, so the proposal was accepted.



This has drawn criticism from EU leaders and stakeholders, such as the Hungarian Prime Minister, BMW and Volkswagen representatives, as well as China's Ministry of Commerce.

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EXTRA TARIFFS ON CHINESE EVs DUE TO UNFAIR STATE AID

On 11 October 2024, a report outlining the EU's €1 billion deportation machine in Turkey denounced that Syrian and Afghans refugees have been "detained, tortured, and killed in Turkish migrant centers.

Few days later, on 15 October 2024, von der Leyen stated that a new European deportation law would be proposed with the aim of supporting migrant return centres outside the EU to intern asylum seekers while processing their asylum procedures.



Visa
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It has received support from Member States, such as Italy, France, Greece, and Germany.



On top of that, Austria has proposed adding Syria and Afghanistan to the list of safe countries in order to increase expulsions, while the Dutch conservatives (PVV) mentioned adding Uganda.



21st October 2024, Moldova

The citizens of the Republic of Moldova have voted in favour of the referendum on the EU. With 50.46% in favour and 49.54% against, the country is now expected to move closer to EU membership. But this also marks a victory over Russian interference.



At the beginning of October, the Moldovan police confirmed that Ilan Shor, a pro-Russian oligarch, channeled \$39 million into buying votes for the pro-Russian camp. The first bank transfers towards thousands of Moldovans were made in September 2024, followed by another wave of bank transfers in October 2024.

Now, the EU and Moldova will be working closer in the hope of concluding accession before 2030. The first step is for the Parliament and the Council to approve the recently announced €1.8 billion Growth aimed at improving Moldova's public infrastructures, rule of law institutions, energy system, or healthcare.

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**MOLDOVANS VOTE VOTED IN
FAVOUR OF THE EU**



24th October 2024, Luxembourg

Back in 2009, the European Commission fined Intel €1.06 billion for illegal sales tactics aimed at excluding its smaller rival AMD by granting rebates to computer manufacturers DELL, NEC, Hewlett-Packard, and Lenovo.



In reaction, Intel appealed and found itself in front of the General Court in January 2022, which ruled that the rebates could not be considered abusive per se, as the Commission's conclusions did not prove their anti-competitive effects.

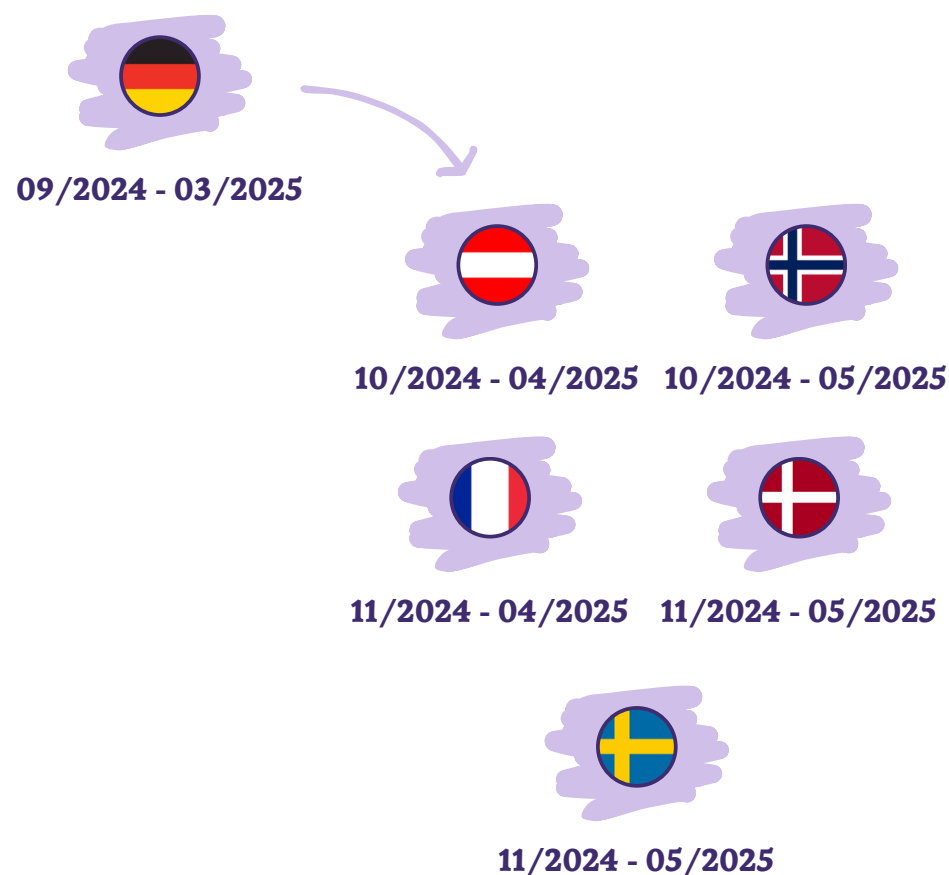


The Commission then appealed to the CJEU, but the Commission's appeal was rejected, and the General Court was confirmed. It was argued that the analysis was indeed incomplete, lacking information on the terms and conditions under which the rebates were granted, their actual duration and amount, or the market share covered by the practice.

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INTEL ESCAPED A €1.06B FINE IN ANTI-TRUST CASE (C-240/22 P)

Several Schengen countries have decided to tighten controls and checks at their internal borders, justified by the need to protect the country against crime and curb immigration. However, it could also damage the unity of the EU.



The reintroduction of border controls is considered a last resort measure, under the Schengen Borders Code (SBC). While the Commission may issue an opinion, it cannot veto withdraw the Member States' decision.



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