

THE EURO BRIEF



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FOREIGN AFFAIRS

EUROPE – US

[Emmanuel Macron vows to replace every dollar Donald Trump withdraws from climate change efforts](#)

The French President told a UN climate summit in Bonn, Germany, that France would step in to cover the cost of US contributions to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) that Mr Trump has said he will withdraw. [*Independent*, November 16, 2017]

[US and Poland agree \\$10.5bn missile defense deal](#)

The US Department of State has approved a possible deal worth up to \$10.5bn to sell Patriot missile defense systems to Poland, American authorities said on Friday. [*Financial Times*, November 18, 2017]

EUROPE – RUSSIA

[NATO intelligence reports show spike in disinformation about Catalonia](#)

NATO intelligence reports show that Russian online networks have been focusing their activities on Catalonia in order to make the most of the secessionist crisis there. [*EL PAÍS*, November 20, 2017]

[Rising alarm in Britain over Russian meddling in Brexit vote](#)

New investigations released this week suggest the Russians meddled in Britain's historic referendum last year to leave the European Union, placing an already weakened Prime Minister Theresa May in a most awkward position — just when she needs to be her strongest in Brexit negotiations. [*The Washington Post*, November 17, 2017]

EUROPE – CHINA

[EU Lawmakers Clear Law to Limit Cheap Chinese Imports](#)

The European Parliament approved legislation designed to protect EU industries against excessively cheap imports from China. [*The New York Times*, November 15, 2017]

EUROPE – MIDDLE EAST

[EU cuts funding to Turkey in 2018 budget](#)

An EU 2018 budget deal was announced that cuts funds destined to Turkey, citing doubts about Ankara's commitment to democracy and human rights. [*The Daily Mail*, November 18, 2017]

[EU Rebuffs US Demand for New Iran Sanctions](#)

The European Union's top diplomat rebuffed calls from the US administration to tighten the screws on Iran over its missile program and regional role, saying the bloc has no plans to discuss new sanctions on Tehran. [*Financial Tribune*, November 15, 2017]

EUROPE – ISRAEL

[Netanyahu to make rare appearance at summit of EU foreign ministers](#)

After a long period of frosty relations, for the first time in 22 years, an Israeli prime minister will attend the meeting in Brussels. [*The Times of Israel*, November 20, 2017]

[UN special envoy: No peace with Arabs while ignoring Palestinian](#)

Israel can't build ties to the Arab world based on the common regional threats they face without also resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process Nickolay Mladenov told the *Jerusalem Post*. [*The Jerusalem Post*, November 20, 2017]

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

EU POLITICS

[Mogherini hails 'historic' EU defense pact](#)

Twenty-three countries have declared they will participate in a new EU defense cooperation pact, part of a broader push to advance European integration, officials said Monday. [*Politico*, November 13, 2017]

[Barnier says EU will not compromise standards in future UK trade deal](#)

The EU's chief Brexit negotiator, Michel Barnier, has said that any move by a British government to abandon European-style policies will complicate the agreement of a post-Brexit trade deal in national and regional parliaments across the bloc. [*The Guardian*, November 20, 2017]

[EU negotiators agree 2018 budget](#)

After marathon negotiating session, the bloc agrees on commitments of more than €160 billion. [*Politico*, November 18, 2017]

[EU social justice: Denmark, Sweden and Finland come top, Greece ranks last](#)

A recovery in the labor market has reduced poverty and improved social justice across the EU. But the gap between northern and southern countries remains wide. [DW, November 16, 2017]

[Chaos on Chios as refugee camp unable to shelter everyone](#)

The refugee camp on the Greek island of Chios, an old factory, can host up to 800 refugees, but now has more than 2300. [Euronews, November 17, 2017]

DOMESTIC POLITICS

[Germany Plunged Into Political Crisis After Coalition Talks Fail](#)

Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany faced the greatest crisis of her career after negotiations to form a new government collapsed, shaking a country that is Europe's political and economic anchor. [The New York Times, November 20, 2017]

[How Poland became a breeding ground for Europe's far right](#)

An estimated 60,000 people marched alongside ultranationalists and Nazis to mark the 99th anniversary of Polish independence. Some of the protesters carried banners and held up signs that had a clear far-right extremist message, including "Clean Blood" and "White Europe." [The Washington Post, November 13, 2017]

[Italy defends 'inhumane' policy of blocking migrants in Libya](#)

Italy has defended its policy on blocking migrants in Libya, saying the deal, denounced as "inhumane" by the UN, was essential to stop boat departures towards Europe. [The Local, November 16, 2017]

[First child refugee from Greek camps comes to UK](#)

More than a year after the UK government pledged to transfer hundreds of child refugees from Greece, the first unaccompanied minor from the country will arrive in London. [The Guardian, November 18, 2017]

[Gerry Adams, Irish Republican Leader, to Step Down From Sinn Fein](#)

Gerry Adams, a pivotal figure in the political life of Ireland for almost 50 years, said that he would step down as leader of Sinn Fein, the main Irish Republican party, after more than three decades. [The New York Times, November 19, 2017]

JEWISH COMMUNITIES

[British Labour Punishes Member for anti-Semitism](#)

Labour activist Nasreen Khan was prohibited from representing Labour at a municipal election over her 2012 Facebook post about Jews in which she said teachers are "brainwashing us and our children into thinking the bad guy was Hitler." [Haaretz, November 17, 2017]

[What's Behind the Drop in anti-Semitic Incidents in France?](#)

According to official reports, the number of anti-Semitic incidents in France has decreased by 58 percent over the past year. [Haaretz, November 16, 2017]