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YOUR MONTHLY INSIGHTS INTO EUROPEAN POLITICS

EU AND CANADA DISCUSS U.S.-LED UKRAINE PEACE EFFORTS

European and Canadian leaders held a virtual meeting in the U.S.-led efforts toward peace in the Ukraine war, highlighting diplomatic coordination, cautious optimism, and risks tied to Russian accusations aimed at derailing negotiations.

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UKRAINE REMAINS FOCAL POINT OF EU FOREIGN POLICY

EU institutions consistently reaffirm support for Ukraine's sovereignty, independence, and future EU integration, committing continued political, financial, diplomatic and defence resources, and underscoring the bloc's geopolitical cohesion amid Russia's aggression.

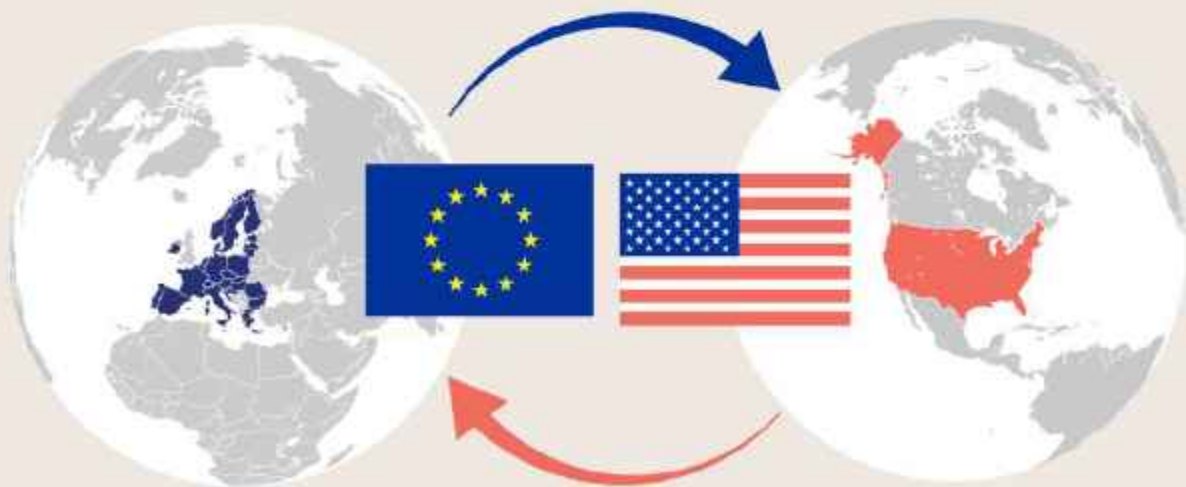
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EU GLOBAL TRADE TENSIONS WITH U.S. IMPACT POLICY

Reports detail ongoing tension between EU and U.S. over tariffs and sanctions policy, with EU leaders delaying new Russia sanctions packages and negotiating mechanisms that balance transatlantic relations and geopolitical objectives.

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COUNCIL DISCUSSES RUSSIA'S WAR AND CHINA POLICY

Ahead of the European Council, the Foreign Affairs Council scheduled debates on the Russian aggression against Ukraine, the Middle East situation, and EU–China relations, indicating broader geopolitical and security priorities for the EU's diplomatic agenda.

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EU PUSHBACK AGAINST EXTERNAL PRESSURE ON GREENLAND

European leaders declared that only Denmark and Greenland can decide Greenland's future, responding to renewed U.S. interest in the Arctic territory, stressing its geopolitical stake in the Arctic's emerging strategic competition.

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EU PARLIAMENT BACKS PHASING OUT RUSSIAN GAS IMPORTS

The European Parliament voted in favour of phasing out Russian natural gas imports by late 2027, aiming to cut energy dependence and enhance EU energy security. The resolution also includes monitoring mechanisms for import origins and is expected to shape future climate and geopolitical policy.

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ITALY APPROVES EXTENDED MILITARY AID TO UKRAINE

Italy's cabinet approved a decree extending military and logistical aid to Ukraine through 2026, overcoming internal coalition disagreements and reinforcing EU member contributions to Kyiv's defence against Russia.

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EU REVISES SAFE THIRD COUNTRY ASYLUM LAW

The Council and European Parliament reached a provisional agreement revising the “safe third country” concept, allowing broader rejection conditions for asylum claims and aiming to streamline the EU asylum system.

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EU LEADERS AGREE €90BN UKRAINE SUPPORT PACKAGE

EU leaders meeting in Brussels agreed to provide €90 billion in loans to Ukraine for 2026–27, backed by EU budget borrowing rather than use of frozen Russian assets. The compromise follows intense negotiations and reflects unity among 25 heads of state on supporting Ukraine's defence and resilience amid ongoing Russian aggression.

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EU PARLIAMENT DEBATES DEFENCE AND UKRAINE SUPPORT

In December plenary, MEPs focused on Ukraine, EU strategic autonomy, and transatlantic relations, amid global geopolitical shifts, debates on defence funding, and concerns over pro-Russian influence and regional instability.

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EUROPEAN COUNCIL ADOPTS BROAD STRATEGIC CONCLUSIONS

At its December session, the European Council adopted strategic conclusions covering Ukraine, Middle East, European defence, migration, enlargement, geoeconomics, and competitiveness, signalling EU commitment to shaping external and internal policy amid global headwinds.

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EPC SUMMIT SIGNALS EU SECURITY COOPERATION PRIORITIES

The 6th European Political Community Summit in Tirana highlighted cooperation on democratic security, economic stability, migration, youth issues, and collective European leadership, focused on strengthening resilience amid geopolitical instability.

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CHINA-EUROPE DIPLOMATIC ENGAGEMENTS

China has intensified diplomatic outreach to European states, including Ireland, aiming to stabilise relations with the EU amid global trade and technology tensions. These engagements reinforce Europe's position as a key balancing actor in great-power competition.

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BULGARIA BECOMES 21ST EUROZONE MEMBER

Bulgaria officially adopted the euro, becoming the Eurozone's 21st member. Despite political instability and public scepticism over inflation and sovereignty loss, this marks a key milestone in EU economic integration and enhances Bulgaria's role in EU monetary policy.

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CYPRUS ASSUMES EU COUNCIL PRESIDENCY

As of 1 January 2026, Cyprus took over the rotating EU Council presidency, pledging a “different mindset,” a focus on Ukraine support, strategic autonomy, and outreach to Middle East and India, and avoiding use of the presidency to advance national grievances.

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EU-MERCOSUR TRADE DIPLOMACY

The European Union is nearing the signing of the long-pending EU-Mercosur trade agreement, strengthening economic ties with South America. The deal reflects Europe's strategy to diversify trade partnerships, reduce reliance on China, and enhance its global influence through geo-economic diplomacy.

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