

Europe's Pivotal May 2026: Hungary's Leadership Shift, Key EU Regulations, and Global Developments

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1. Which opposition party secured a two-thirds constitutional majority in the April 12, 2026, Hungarian parliamentary elections, ending Viktor Orbán's 16-year rule?

- A) Democratic Coalition
- B) Momentum Movement
- C) Tisza Party**
- D) Jobbik

2. The new EU directive on water protection, which entered into force in May 2026, notably added which specific substances to its updated list of water pollutants for stricter monitoring?

- A) Heavy metals and nitrates
- B) PFAS 'forever chemicals' and microplastics**
- C) Pesticides and industrial solvents
- D) Pharmaceuticals and endocrine disruptors

3. In May 2026, US Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth controversially cancelled two US military deployments to Europe. Which two specific countries were primarily affected by these cancelled deployments?

- A) France and Italy
- B) Spain and Portugal
- C) Poland and Germany**
- D) Belgium and Netherlands

4. Despite an Orthodox Easter ceasefire in April 2026, Russia intensified its aerial campaign against Ukraine, launching over how many long-range drones and missiles during the month?

- A) Fewer than 1,000
- B) Approximately 2,500
- C) Over 6,800**
- D) Around 4,000

5. At a May 2026 summit in Moldova, which European body advanced discussions towards establishing a dedicated war crimes court to prosecute Russia's leadership for its war of aggression against Ukraine?

- A) European Parliament
- B) European Council
- C) Council of Europe**
- D) International Criminal Court

6. The eurozone economy experienced slower-than-expected growth in the first quarter of 2026. What was the reported growth percentage for this period?

- A) 0.5 percent
- B) 0.3 percent
- C) 0.1 percent**
- D) 0.8 percent

7. The EU's Circular Economy Act aims to double Europe's circularity rate. From approximately 12%, what is the target circularity rate and the target year for achieving it?

- A) 20% by 2035
- B) 24% by 2030**
- C) 18% by 2028
- D) 30% by 2040

8. In May 2026, the European Parliament and the Council of the EU reached a political agreement on a new Regulation designed to safeguard which specific group in cross-border situations?

- A) Minor refugees
- B) Elderly migrants
- C) Adults with disabilities or health-related limitations**
- D) Unaccompanied minors