

# The Bulletin

The seasons of Brexit kick off a jam-packed week for TNF stories.

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## BREXIT: IS THIS THE FOURTH AND FINAL SERIES?

BY COURRIER D'EUROPE, TAYLER GILBERT  
TRANSLATED BY REBECCA WENMOTH

THE EUROPEAN MAGNIFYING GLASS. AS THE FOURTH SERIES OF THE CROWN LANDS ON NETFLIX WITH HUGE SUCCESS, THE BREXIT SAGA SEEMS TO BE COMING TO AN END IN A PARTICULARLY TURBULENT TIME BETWEEN COVID-19 AND TENSIONS IN BRUSSELS. HERE IS A RECAP OF THE LAST FOUR AND A HALF YEARS OF A COMPLEX DIVORCE.

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## Current Affairs



IF 2020 HAS  
TAUGHT US  
ANYTHING, IT IS  
THAT THE FRANCO-  
GERMAN ALLIANCE  
REMAINS THE  
DRIVING FORCE  
BEHIND  
EUROPEAN  
INTEGRATION.

### ALL EYES ON BERLIN

BY GUILLERMO ÍÑIGUEZ

Despite the widespread interest in the most remote of American electoral districts, it is remarkable how little attention has been devoted to the most momentous political process the European Union faces in 2021: the Christian Democratic Union (CDU)'s leadership election, which will take place in January.

After the short-lived tenure of Merkel's protégé and successor, Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer (AKK), 1001 party delegates will meet to choose their party's new leader – and, given the CDU's unassailable lead in the polls, Germany's likely future Chancellor.

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# Brexit



## A LOSS FOR BOTH SIDES: THE UK'S NEW IMMIGRATION LAWS

By Heather Barrigan

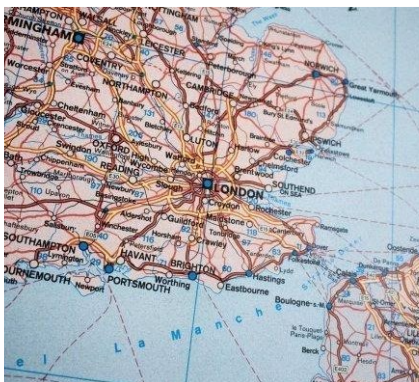
Since the announcement of the UK's new points-based immigration system in July, there have been tense discussions regarding the new rules and the effect they will have when they are implemented on January 1 2021.



## "ARTICLE 50 WAS NOT DESIGNED TO ALLOW MEMBER STATES TO LEAVE THE EUROPEAN UNION FOR THEIR OWN CONVENIENCE"

By Antoine Potor, Translated by Alix Oglesby

The New Federalist met with Étienne Cricqui to talk about Brexit and its political consequences for the European Union.



## BRITAIN: SO LONG, FAREWELL, AUF WIEDERSEHEN, GOODBYE

By Eurosorbonne, Translated by Tiffany Williams

With the fateful date of 31st December fast approaching, the post-Brexit negotiations between the United Kingdom and the European Union seem to be far from over.



## CONSEQUENCES OF A LOOMING NO-DEAL BREXIT

By Voix d'Europe, Wassila Zouag, Translated by Eoghan Lonie,

Leaving the EU without a deal is now a likelihood for the United Kingdom. Despite years of negotiations, neither party can agree on the crucial points which will determine their future relationship.



# EU Institutions

## EU NEXT GENERATION IN A (NOT SO) POST PANDEMIC WORLD

BY DEBORAH S. IANOTTI

After many turbulent months of discussions and crossed vetoes, the European leaders that reunited in Brussels have reached a compromise on the economic policies that will invest the EU for the next balance years 2021-2027. The agreement reached sets a new beginning for the Union; two main economical instruments crafted by Brussels (the Recovery Fund and the Next Generation EU) account both for more than 1.8 trillion of euros in investments, making of it the most impressive economic plan ever in the history of the European Union.

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THE LARGEST ECONOMIC ENGINEERING PROJECT IN THE EU WAS IN DANGER OF NOT SEEING THE LIGHT.



# Next Generation EU

#NextGenerationEU #EUBudget



# Energy and Environment



## ENVICRIME: BILLIONS OF EUROS IN ILLEGAL PROFITS

BY ANICET DELPORTE

It's one of the leading crimes on the global and European stages, according to the UN. And it's growing by an estimated 5-7% each year, turning over billions in profits.

But environmental crime – or 'envicrime' for short – is still badly-defined, little-understood, and hard to fight. That is something Lorenzo Colantoni, a journalist, consultant and researcher at the Istituto Affari Internazionali, is trying to change.

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THE EU IS STRONGLY AND INCREASINGLY IMPACTED BY ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME - THERE IS NO MEMBER-STATE THAT IS NOT HIT BY SUCH OFFENCES.



# Digital Affairs



IN A FEW WEEKS,  
IT WILL BECOME  
CLEAR FOR THE  
EU HOW THE  
EUROPEAN  
COMMISSION  
INTENDS TO  
REGULATE BIG  
PLATFORMS



## DIGITAL SERVICES ACT: THE EUROPEAN UNION SEEKS TO REINFORCE ITS GAFAM STRATEGY

BY NOÉMIE CHEMLA,  
TRANSLATED BY REBECCA WENMOTH

With the latest investigation of Apple for its potential anti-trust violations, the European Commissioner Margarethe Vestager attacked 'Big Tech' companies Google, Apple, Facebook, Amazon, and Microsoft (GAFAM). The issue: the fines that have been occasionally handed down are insignificant compared to the financial power of these companies. In December, the European Commission presents a new strategy regarding the giants of the web with the Digital Services Act.

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## History and Culture

### EDITOR'S NOTE: INTRODUCING THE 'MOSAIC EUROPE' SERIES



BY CHARLOTTE CULINE

Immanuel Wallerstein's theory presenting culture as the ideological battleground of the Modern-World has never seemed so vivid as the current open-fire bouncing back and forth between Erdogan and Macron displays the frontline for. Ever since the fall of the Berlin Wall, the scission between West and East has never felt so real, so palpable. This time though, the Eastern block is taking a new shape, and from the opposition of two economic powers observed in the Cold War, the world became the stage for the battle of two civilizations.

The Cambridge Dictionary defines a civilization as a human society with well-developed social organizations, or the culture and way of life of a society or country at a particular period in time.

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## EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVES ON EUROPEAN JOURNALISM

BY DAVID MĂHĂLEAN, DAVIDE EMANUELE IANNACE, JÉRÔME FLURY,  
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In this unique joint article, editors from all seven language versions of JEF's webzines wrote about the plus points and challenges of the coverage of European topics in the national media in their respective countries. Read the full piece on our [website](#).



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