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LESSONS LEARNED EXCHANGE – CLINGENDAEL INSTITUTE



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HUNGARIAN **PRESIDENCY**

OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EU 2024

TRIO PRESIDENCY

- ✓ 20 years of membership
- ✓ rotating Presidency for the second time
- ✓ in a year of institutional transition





COMPETITIVENESS

Budapest Declaration on the New European Competitiveness Deal

- ✓ 5 years, 12 key areas of action
- ✓ Concrete measures, mandatory competitiveness test
- ✓ Research & Development spending 3%



CONSISTENT AND MERIT-BASED ENLARGEMENT POLICY

Intergovernmental Conference with Albania

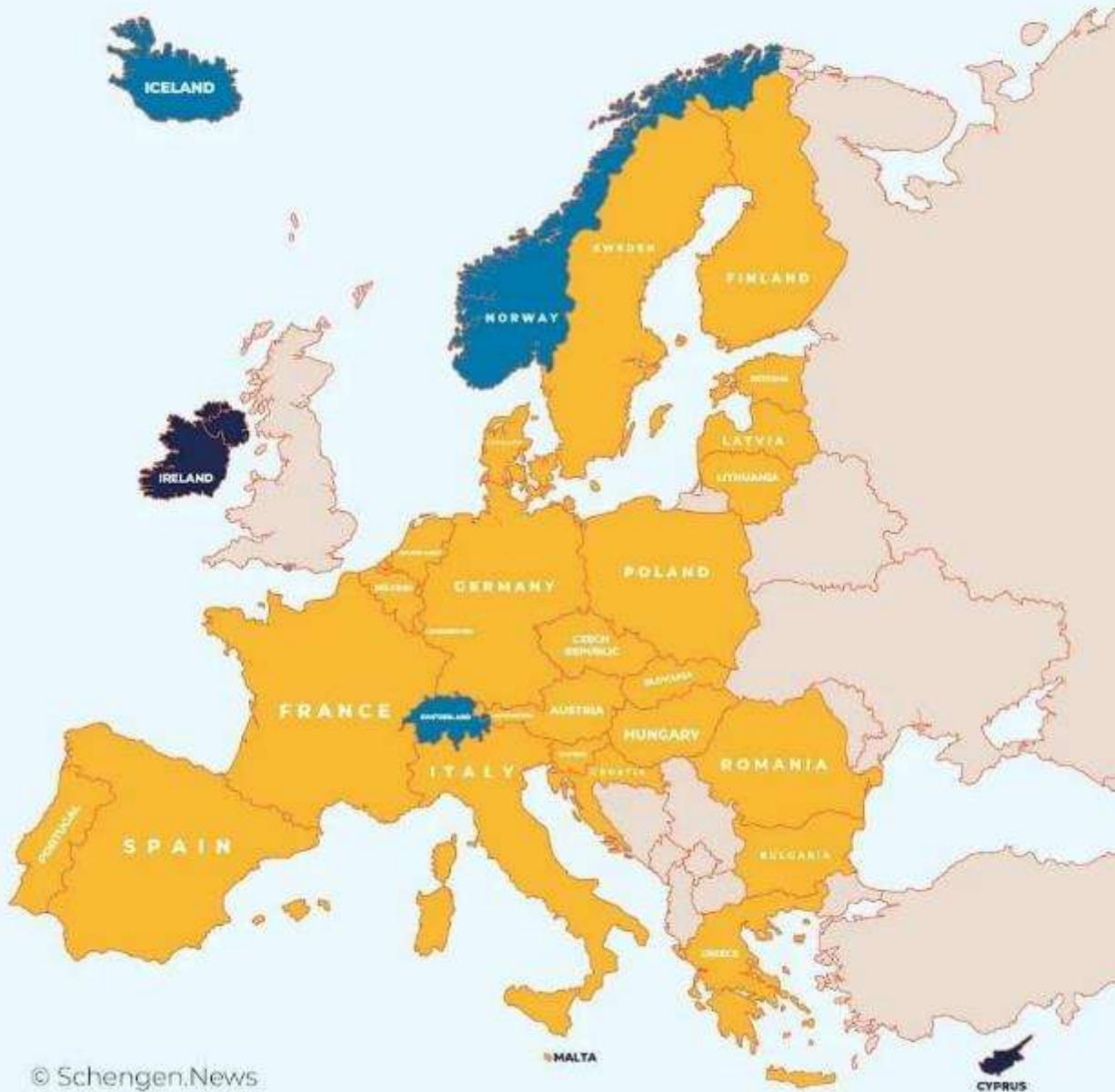
Progress with Montenegro and Serbia

EU-Western Balkans Summit (18 December 2024)

EU & Schengen State

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EU Member Only



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ENLARGEMENT OF THE SCHENGEN AREA

Lifting land border controls with Bulgaria and Romania as of 1 January 2025



SUCCESSFUL PRESIDENCY

Council Conclusions on the future of a farmer-oriented Common
Agricultural Policy post-2027

Council Declaration on fostering Jewish life and combating antisemitism

EU budget 2025



SUCCESSFUL PRESIDENCY

The first ever Council meeting on demographic issues

The first ever Council meeting chaired in sign language

Draft regulation on the European Defence Industry Programme

Informal European Council

European Political Community Summit

- ✓ 42 European heads of state and government
- ✓ Presidents of the European Council, the European Commission and the European Parliament
- ✓ Secretary Generals of NATO, Council of Europe
- ✓ Representative of the OSCE



Hungarian Presidency
of the Council of the
European Union





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- ✓ Consultations with 300 stakeholders
- ✓ 180 Presidency events in Hungary with 20.000 participants, 140 events in Brussels
- ✓ 10 major cultural events in Brussels
- ✓ 39 formal and 14 informal council meetings
- ✓ 17+18 dossiers





EMBASSY OF HUNGARY BRUSSELS



Introduction of the Embassy

- ✓ Countries of Accreditation
- ✓ Core Tasks : Political; Economic/Foreign Trade; Consular; Cultural; Scientific, academia and sports; Hungarian Community
- ✓ Embassy staff (+1 for the Presidency period)



PREPARATION FOR THE HUNGARIAN EU PRESIDENCY: V4 PRESIDENCY 2021/2022

- ✓ 25 programs in Belgium,
- ✓ 8 programs in Luxembourg





PREPARATION FOR THE HUNGARIAN EU PRESIDENCY: POLITICAL COUNTRY TOUR IN BELGIUM 2023-2024

More than 40 meetings (members of the federal government, regional prime ministers, party leaders, provincial governors, mayors of provincial capitals)



EU PRESIDENCY EVENTS ORGANIZED BY THE EMBASSY OF HUNGARY IN BRUSSELS



- ✓ 9 EU HoMs programs in Belgium
- ✓ 7 EU HoMs programs in Luxembourg
- ✓ Cultural events
- ✓ Public talks
- ✓ Military diplomacy programs
- ✓ Professional side events







EU HEADS OF MISSION: PRIME MINISTERS



EU HEADS OF MISSION: MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS



EU HEADS OF MISSION:

PRESIDENTS OF THE



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IN FOCUS: COMPETITIVENESS





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**IN FOCUS:
DEFENCE
CAPABILITIES**



THALES





IN FOCUS: SECURITY



Federale
Overheidsdienst
FINANCIEN
DOUANE EN ACCIJZEN



Federal
Police



Nationaal Crisiscentrum



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CULTURAL EVENTS

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CULTURAL EVENTS





HANDOVER OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EU IN BELGIUM



HANDOVER OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EU IN LUXEMBOURG

SPECIALTIES, LESSONS LEARNED:

- A remarkable number of exceptional programs
- The specificities of the host country's political life must be taken into account
- Organization cannot start early enough
- Preparation for unexpected events is essential
- The importance of details



HU24EU Hub's with R.E. Mr. Alexander De Croo, Prime Minister of Belgium
5 November 2024

Hungarian Presidency Calendar
1 July 2024 – 31 December 2024

EMBASSY OF HUNGARY
BRUSSELS

EU HQs AND OTHER EVENTS IN BELGIUM

Event/ Guest of honour	Date	Time	Location	Comment
Mass for Europe preceded by a Concert celebrated by Mgr. Luc Ferlinde, Primate of Belgium and Mgr. Gábor Molnár, Bishop Delegate of the Hungarian Bishops' Conferences to COMECE	01/07/2024	16:15 (concert) 17:00 (mass)	Cathedral of Saint Michael and Saint Gudula	Confirmed
Lunch discussion on European competitiveness and the state of the Belgian economy in the election super year of 2024 Mr. János Tóth, CEO (ABC Group) (TBC) Mr. René Bronders, President (FEB/VBO), Honorary Consul (Wallonia) Mr. Pieter Timmermans, CEO (FEB/VBO) Mr. An Epsteen, former CEO (AWDC), Honorary Consul (Flanders)	02/07/2024	12:30-14:30	Hungarian House Brussels	Confirmed
Away Day at the Port of Antwerp (CMB Tech), AWDC (Diamond session), Presenting the history of the Antwerp (Hungarian) Jewish Community and the Honorary Consulate H.E. Mr. Jan Jambon, Minister-President of Flanders	09/07/2024	9:00-10:00	Antwerp	Confirmed
Away Day at the 15th Air Transport Wing at Melsbroek Air Base where the BE-LU bi-national Air Transport Unit A400M is stationed Colonel Bruno Beckmans, Commander of Melsbroek Air Base Lieutenant-General Frederik Vansina, appointed Chief of Defence of the Belgian Armed Forces (TBC) H.E. Ms. Ludovine Desobres, Minister of Defence (TBC)	10/09/2024	10:00-14:30	Melsbroek Air Base	Confirmed

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION



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