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Brussels looks set to bypass Hungary’s block on the €90 million “aid” package via accounting shenanigans



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Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban and Ukrainian leader Vladimir Zelensky have a little something for the ladies for Women’s History Month. They’re apparently going to spend the entire time beaking each other off on the global stage. Get your wads of bills ready to toss, girls! Especially you, Queen Ursula.

Let’s peek in, shall we?

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Orban says he's already on the verge of pulling out his tool. Guess we missed the part where they play

footsie under the table first. *"We have no military force for this, I can reassure everyone that this is not part of our plans. But we have political and financial tools,"* the Hungarian PM [said](#), in demanding that Zelensky open the tap on the Druzhba pipeline of Russian oil to Hungary that represents the landlocked country's critical supply.

Orban has said he has no interest in taking his foot off the firehose of cash that the EU has been blasting out on itself and whatever else it has going on in the land of golden toilets amid the fog of war – all under the pretext of helping Ukraine, of course.

"We hope that one person in the European Union will not block 90 billion or the first tranche of 90 billion, and that Ukrainian soldiers will have weapons" Zelensky [said](#). *"Otherwise, we will give the address of this person to our Armed Forces, to our lads. Let them call him and talk to him in their own language."*

Who could that *"one person"* possibly be? In any case, guess he'll either be getting an email, or maybe a visit, depending on what the word *"address"* actually means here. Or maybe just a phone call with a bunch of guys breathing heavily down the line in a foreign language. Hard to tell. Zelensky, an actor, could probably use a better scriptwriter for his Godfather-style lines. Or maybe just drop a dead rat in the mail next time and skip the public speculation.

The EU brass has told these two lovebirds to pipe down. But it really isn't in Zelensky's interest to do that. And Brussels seems to be making sure of it. If only because emerging info suggests that Zelensky is on the verge of ensuring that he gets rewarded for playing hard to get.

There are two possibilities shaping up. Either Orban feels enough pressure to drop his veto of the EU's latest €90 million spending package in order to get the gas flowing during this heated Hungarian election period. An unlikely scenario given that his more pro-EU opponent in the April 12 national vote has left



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very little daylight between him and Orban on the issue of the need for Zelensky to restart the pipeline.

Or, alternatively, Orban can double down and maintain his insistence, leaving Brussels with a new convenient pretext, since it's being reported by Bloomberg that Brussels is considering the possibility of **basically bribing** Zelensky with EU money to “fix” the pipeline.

What's that repair going to cost? Oh, let me guess – €90 billion, perhaps? And are European defense contractors also going to be involved in these “repairs”? Will they require golden toilets in the outhouses on-site? In which case, it's not hard to see that it could end up serving as the ultimate workaround for much of same spending that's being blocked by Orban – just rebranded as something that he couldn't possibly pass up. What's he going to do – block funding to Ukraine earmarked as “aid” meant to ensure that his Druzhba demands to get the oil flowing to Hungary are met?

No one seems to care too much anymore about whether the repair issue itself is even legitimate. Orban had proposed a fact-finding mission. Zelensky was like, bro, you don't hear me asking to go peek into your closet to see if you have any weapons for me when you say that you don't. Not the best analogy.



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A better one would be to compare Ukraine to the local charity that asks whether you have old clothes to donate – and then insists on rummaging through your drawers to make sure that you're not holding out. And Hungary's request of Kiev is like ordering a pizza (from Russia, in this case), paying for it, watching the delivery guy arrive – and then the building's security guard, let's call him Vladimir Z., stands in the lobby eating slices and saying, “Sorry man, delivery seems to be delayed. Nothing I can do.” Or paying for express shipping and the mailman just keeps your package in his truck while telling you,

“Yeah the postal system is slow these days. Really unfortunate.”

Slovak Prime Minister Robert Fico, whose equally landlocked country also relies on the pipeline, has appeared in public with a handful of receipts, arguing that Zelensky is full of it, and



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brandishing what he says are satellite images of the intact pipeline proving his point. Of course, there's also the possibility that the damage is invisible to the naked eye. Not all disabilities are visible, bigots.

Which leaves Brussels in an awkward spot. If the pipeline really does need "repairs," then someone will have to fund them. And if that funding just happens to look suspiciously like the same €90 billion that Orban is blocking, well — that's simply the miracle of European accounting.

In Brussels, problems have a funny way of turning into budgets. And when keeping a pipeline closed starts looking like it might trigger a bidding war to reopen it, suddenly turning the valve free of charge becomes the least attractive option.

Which may explain why Zelensky recently [admitted](#) at a press conference: "To be honest, I wouldn't restore it."

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I find this Comical. Perhaps a Well Placed Piece of Lead would due instead, it would be Cheaper, and the EU is Short on Cash.

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 Oh Shit 3/12/2026 at 6:36 AM 0

A majority of people know a much cheaper effective way to shut him up.

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But Putin doesn't approve, because Bibi doesn't approve.

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D Derek Atkins 3/12/2026 at 6:41 AM 0

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Whatever happens, Russia will manoeuvre to the correct position, accelerate p! ⚡⚡!ng in Trumps pocket, make money from oil...and keep pounding the UkrAnal fascists... into submission.

👊 RU. URA!! (triumph)

Well written Rachele Marsden. I applaud your humour within your trenchant prose.

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M MTMT 123 3/12/2026 at 4:13 AM 0

aint there any cheaper way and a whole lot more effective and satisfying ???

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 **Honah Wikeepa** 3/12/2026 at 3:26 AM 0

They should give him a chocolate cake with a nuke inside it.

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M Malcolm Powell 3/12/2026 at 3:06 AM 0

Whatever they pay to Zelensky to shut up I'm happy to shut up for just half of what he's gonna get.

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R Raja Kt 3/12/2026 at 2:38 AM 0


The presumption and high-handedness of this braggadocio Zelenskiy unravels the lenient indulgence and biased support of the EU leaders to cripple and curb any EU dissenters or skeptics. Zelenskiy has not yet secured EU membership for Ukraine. Just imagine if the provenance of that notorious financial subterfuge to meddle in Hungary's election were from Russia. The western media will blazon the headline, bulletin etc ²⁴/₇. Historically speaking Europeans leaders are held captive by a connate predisposition of kleptomania, extortion, chicanery, colonization, snootiness, self-obsession, condescending etc. They thrive by weaponising these attributes. In a nutshell, they are bellicose and warmongering.

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V Voyt Regnal 3/12/2026 at 1:46 AM 1

The best would be to close Zelensky mouth ..for good.

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 **David Maas** 3/12/2026 at 1:19 AM 0

SHUT HIM UP !!!!!!!

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J James Phifer 3/11/2026 at 6:57 PM 5

The EU can open the pipeline by terminating Zelensky and saving \$90 billion dollars.

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SyO 3/11/2026 at 7:27 PM 1

EU doesn't care about joolensky or jookraine. They are only using, both, to crash Russia, launder money and supply of children for the Western paedophilia rings

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M Misha 3/12/2026 at 1:13 AM 0

Yeah, just post a EU guaranteed reward of \$1 million and watch for results.

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M Misha 3/12/2026 at 1:11 AM 0

Unfortunately, \$90 million or whatever the number to Silence t he Fx a k u p Zelensky is wishful thinking. A more permanent solution needs to be found

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Tracie Smith 3/12/2026 at 12:54 AM 0

Shut him up... There is another way.

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YG Jiang 3/12/2026 at 12:21 AM 0

Europe is beyong rescue and repair until you put those at the top in Brussels to jail

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D Daniel Bernard 3/12/2026 at 12:04 AM 0

Do Russians even understand this humor?

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J John Kesich 3/11/2026 at 10:28 PM 4

Last time I checked, lead is still cheaper than gold.

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M Mark Culp 3/11/2026 at 8:52 PM

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Like Netanyahu Donald Trump. Mr. short pants is a war criminal

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c casper ghost 3/11/2026 at 8:09 PM

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WAit until he retaliates after e.u. kicks him out, dont fund him, he is spoiled brat will explode and war with unarmed europe.


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nanobot in left eye orbital, a 3 gram TNT bomb explodes the most disgusting head

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 Philosopher 3/11/2026 at 7:42 PM

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A better way to shut the clown up is to make him disappear.

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j jacqueline butler 3/11/2026 at 6:36 PM

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This is just WEAK EURPEAN POLICY. THEY STILL WANT THE GUTS OF RUSSIA. PUTIN I COMMAND YOU TO FINISH OFF UKRAINE NOW. MESSENGER PISTIS SOPHIA FOR THE COSMIC FORCES. ZELENSKY MUST BE PROSECUTED FOR HIS NURDWR OF UKRAINES AND RUSSIANS FOR HIS ZIONIST EVIL LEADERSHIP.

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 Олег X. 3/11/2026 at 4:55 PM

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I 🤔 think it would be much cheaper just putting a BOUNTY on him... That would make a lot of problems disappear 😊

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B Big Vic 3/11/2026 at 4:46 PM

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So what's the big deal about it. . Just more than ever more FIAT MONEY ²⁴/₃₆₅ toilet paper MONEY for Mr zelensky and Co.. and Mr TACO and MIGA UK regimes are happy about it and nobody else can't do anything else about it. .


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 F 3/11/2026 at 4:29 PM


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There's a cheaper and far better way of shutting him up

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 **Matthew** 3/11/2026 at 4:16 PM

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The missing issue is THE Core **?** Question:
What are the real financial needs of the corrupt Kiev Regime?
Zelly claims he runs completely out of  money in a few weeks.
True or False?

It is always murky with Zelly and Ursula.

Zelly is not acting like he runs out of money in a few weeks.

He is shipping millions around Europe in trucks. He reportedly has billions overseas in foreign reserves.

The EU was conned into the 90 billion Euro loan.

Orban's actions are revealing the truth.

Maddy

Las Vegas

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 **Madrina** 3/11/2026 at 4:03 PM

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Zelensky will not survive the SMO for very long.

He has murdered too many people and above all he knows all skeletons of the US empire and has more dirt on every EU politician than the CIA and Mossad together.

Imagine just the 4 Mio family members of the meated Ukrainian soldiers – if just 10% of them want to avenge their people – they will have to have a big de-nazification and hunting lottery-

Probably along Hunger Games it will be called Avenge Games.

You will be able to film this live in 8k – release in Kursk and the objective will be to reach the Polish border alive.

He will rather soon go the way of all flesh and that will be that.
Of course he will not go alone – we will see many of the Kiev gang end up quiet for good.
And that is nothing special – it always happens like that.

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