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EU to push Ukraine loan 'one way or the other' – von der Leyen

Hungary continues to block the €90 billion loan as Italy's Giorgia Meloni reportedly expressed support for Budapest's stance

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European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen © Nicolas Economou / NurPhoto via Getty Images

The EU will provide a controversial loan to Ukraine *"one way or another,"* despite it remaining blocked by Hungary, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said on Friday.

Budapest vetoed the EU's €90 billion (\$105 billion) emergency loan for Ukraine after Kiev halted Russian oil flows through the Druzhba pipeline – a key supply route to Hungary and Slovakia.

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"We will deliver on the loan one way or the other," von der Leyen told reporters during a visit to Kiev. The remarks followed a summit in Brussels on Thursday, where EU leaders failed to persuade Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban to lift his veto.

Orban, who faces an election next month, has repeatedly accused Kiev of deliberately halting supplies for political reasons and said this week he would block the loan until the oil supplies resume. *"If there is no oil, there is no money,"* he said.

EU officials, who have so far avoided direct confrontation, have increased the pressure on the Hungarian leader, condemning Budapest's *"unacceptable"* resistance during their meeting in Brussels. EU Council President Antonio Costa said, *"no one can blackmail the European Council."* German Chancellor Friedrich Merz called Orban's veto an *"act of serious disloyalty."*



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Officials in Brussels are reportedly considering stripping Hungary of its voting rights to push through the loan for Kiev.

Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni broke ranks with most EU leaders, expressing understanding for Orban's position during closed-door talks on Thursday, according to Politico. At the meeting, she reaffirmed her support for the loan while reportedly signaled her understanding for Orban, the outlet

said, citing diplomats from four countries.

One diplomat reportedly said Meloni described Orban's stance as *"normal"* because *"things are changing,"* adding: *"If I were in the same situation, I would understand him."* The Italian government denied the remarks, with an official in Rome calling the attribution *"completely unfounded."*

The dispute has deepened a feud between Kiev and Budapest, escalating into personal threats by Ukrainian leader Vladimir Zelensky against Orban. Hungary has long clashed with Ukraine, opposing its EU and NATO bids and resisting funding for its war effort against Russia.

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Max Holbrook 3/21/2026 at 6:30 AM 0

So where's the money coming from ?
Well, we're just going to print it out of thin air and charge interest for using it.

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R jay (Are Jay) 3/21/2026 at 5:16 AM 0

Ursula pressing for that loan to Ukraine . Does she ever asked , where the other money went ?
Since the Ukraine war began , it was all about giving and giving to Ukraine . The questions start popping up , What happened to those payments?
Now they switched to loan or LOANS ,soon !
What will happens after loans are disappeared?
Ursula knows the answers and she will not sharing it with others .
It looks like Ursula is part of Ukraine money laundering pool.

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SaysTheBronxBoy 3/21/2026 at 3:00 AM 0

Someone should punch Von der Leyen in The face since she wants to play a Man!
Better off sending her and Kallas to a Turkish Brothel till The War is over!
Says The BronxBoy

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 **Joe Kertesz** 3/20/2026 at 8:05 PM 0

Wonder Pfizer will destroy Europe.

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 **Олег X.** 3/20/2026 at 6:06 PM 2

So do People of EU have any say in this matter or are they just Under a DICKTATORSHIP (or Pussyship in this case) ?!

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 **Mark Shane** 3/20/2026 at 7:44 PM 0

Nope, yep

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 **Eyad Mansour** 3/20/2026 at 3:45 PM 1

What is **'the other'** Frau von der Leyen?

Who will you embezzle the money from or what new ponzi scheme will you erect and put into place in order to raise the cash for your little Ukrainian pool boy Volodymyr and his neo-Nazi regime that you can not democratically raise within the structures that already exist in the European Union?

Will you autocratically seek to remove Hungary's veto and therefore start the dismantling of the EU, once and for all?

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 **Yemoot Toomey** 3/20/2026 at 4:16 PM 0

I believe Von der Lyden is a power hungry female. The worse kind of politician!

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 **Yemoot Toomey** 3/20/2026 at 4:13 PM 1

The EU has no recourse and no reverse gear. Von der Lyden should be in prison serving time for the fraud she was convicted of but just like Epstein's files of Corrupt politicians, instead of prison, they get put into office to wreck more trauma on the middle class & common people.

[Reply](#)**F Funmi Okus** 3/20/2026 at 4:12 PM**-1**

Of course we support the Ukraine loan. Hungary and Ukraine should quickly talk and sort out their differences so Ukraine can get the loan. Russian's sovereign asset is TOTALLY out of the QUESTION.

[Reply](#)**R Ramon Ching** 3/20/2026 at 4:08 PM**2**

What??? This rabid lunatic is still in power? Are the Europeans this lazy not to care?

[Reply](#)**Patrick Pellerin** 3/20/2026 at 4:06 PM**0**

US will seize the russian tankers bound for Cuba... WTF Putin

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Orban is, in no way, blackmailing the EC. What Ukraine is doing is blackmail, withholding something in order to receive something. What Orban is doing something similar to Ukraine, it can be argued, but in no way is the EC or the EU risking anything, or being denied anything, by Orban's veto. In fact, it can be argued the citizens of the EU are net gaining from his veto, because they will not have an extra €90 billion in debt, or the interest payments for that debt, to pay in the future.

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France just seized another russian tanker and a bank blew up in Moscow.... Putin, what are you doing ?

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Adoring Israel.

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If they aren't removed from any position of authority, those in charge will definitely take the EU to the cleaners, by accident or design.

[Reply](#)**S Steve** 3/20/2026 at 3:43 PM

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This money will never be paid back so its a gift of 90 billion europeans money to ukraine who is not in the eu.

[Reply](#)**E Eyad Mansour** 3/20/2026 at 3:43 PM

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Frau Ursula the Terrible is going for broke.

Like her German grandparents during the fascist rule of her nation back in WWII, apparently Germans, still have trouble surrendering and submitting to the fact that the 11 time-zone Russian Federation is not a country you should try to bring to their knees and make heel.

[Reply](#) **Sergei Xifre** 3/20/2026 at 3:40 PM

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Ursula, proving you don't need rules and law to push things around your way

[Reply](#) **John J** 3/20/2026 at 3:30 PM

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EU in decline. Just like all US friends.

[Reply](#) **Олег X.** 3/20/2026 at 3:27 PM

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She's free to use her personal money.
Why she not do that ?!

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