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Court rules on von der Leyen's secret Covid vaccine deal messages

The European Commission acted improperly by refusing to release communications with Pfizer to the media, the ruling states

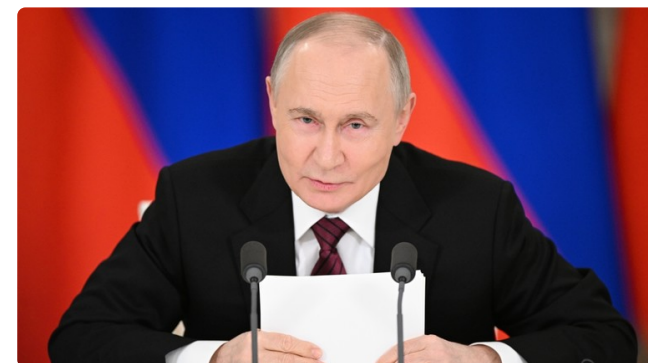


FILE PHOTO: European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen at the European Parliament building, May 7, 2025. © Philipp von Dittfurth / picture alliance via Getty Images

The European Commission wrongly denied the media access to secret text messages between its president, Ursula von der Leyen, and the CEO of pharma giant Pfizer, exchanged during negotiations of a multi-billion dollar Covid-19 vaccine deal, the Court of Justice of the European Union ruled on Wednesday.

The so-called "Pfizergate" case centers on a 2021 interview von der Leyen gave to the New York Times (NYT) in which she claimed she had been negotiating a deal for 900

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million COVID vaccine shots with Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla via sms messages.

The NYT subsequently filed an access request for the messages, to which the EC claimed the texts, which have never been released, were not in its possession.

The court ruled that the EC *“cannot merely state that it does not hold the requested documents but must provide credible explanations enabling the public and the Court to understand why those documents cannot be found.”*

It also criticized the Commission for failing to justify why the texts were not retained and to clarify how they were deleted.

In response, the EC said it recognized the need for greater transparency and promised to issue a new decision with more detailed reasoning. It did not, however, commit to releasing the messages in question. The ruling can be appealed to the European Court of Justice.

A similar CJEU judgment last July found that the EC lacked transparency in how it negotiated vaccine contracts with Pfizer and AstraZeneca. The deals, signed in 2020 and 2021 and worth approximately €2.7 billion (\$3 billion), were shielded from disclosure to European Parliament members on the grounds of protecting commercial interests.

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Unelected dictator, Queen Ursula is a disgrace.
 She was silent whilst Netanyahu massacred 180,000 women and children in the Gaza death camp
 She has several times called for attacks on Russia.
 This woman belongs in prison,

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I agree!
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Or in a grave
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A shallow one
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She deserves the same fate as other Nazi War Criminals at end of WW II.



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Gaddafi warned them. Now the EU is living out

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J **Joshuahn Jackstonburg** 5/14/2025 at 10:17 PM 6


What other corruption have they all been involved in??

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 **Ivana Plavsic** 5/14/2025 at 10:31 PM 5

If you even need ask...they are seeped in corruption.

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 **Martin** 5/15/2025 at 2:18 PM 1

No darling ... the word you want is: «steeped». – But ABSOLUTELY I agree.

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T **Truth Matters** 5/15/2025 at 8:48 AM 4

only idiots took the wax.

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 **Karbonero** 5/15/2025 at 9:28 AM 2

Idiots and brain-laundered simpletons.

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Never mind the thousands that these people harmed from doom and gloom. Fear without reason.

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 **Karbonero** 5/15/2025 at 8:21 AM 3


So to clarify, nothing. Nobody will be punished. Business as usual in the Jevropedan Junion.

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L **Linguist** 5/15/2025 at 7:01 AM 0

Oh dear VDL. what HAVE you been doing?


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 **keith** 5/15/2025 at 7:31 AM [↑](#)

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filling her boots with cash


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 **Daxx** 5/14/2025 at 5:23 PM

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Cool — Lock her up!


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And take ALL of her possessions.


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Including all, she shifted to her family members.

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 **Wombat Joey** 5/15/2025 at 1:35 AM [↑](#)

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Yes. Apply the Chinese-Korean punishment of lienzuo (yeonjwa), which scoops up the whole family (to avoid any possibility of clan vengeance).

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