EU members' mistakes behind mass protests – Putin

Over 1,300 protesters were arrested in France alone at the weekend

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The recent wave of protests that swept across Western Europe were the result of the EU's own mistakes, Russian President Vladimir Putin said. European countries, he added, are struggling to manage the migration crisis.

"Europeans are dismantling their own traditions, so they are even less able to convey them to migrants," Putin told journalist Pavel Zarubin.

Mass protests took place again over the weekend. Demonstrators, reportedly angry over soaring living costs and inept government policies clashed with riot police in several cities.

The anti-givernment unrest has largely been inspired by the protests in France, which began in September and then spread to other countries.

Putin said some European leaders are unable to take responsibility for unrest. Instead of analyzing the situation and

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identifying its causes they tend to blame other countries – first the US and now Russia, he said.

"But they quickly came to their senses and reverted to their traditional accusations against Russia. My first reaction when I saw this was surprise, because to claim that we are provoking mass protests in major European cities is really going too far," the president said, adding that it reflects the leaders' weakness in being unable to tackle the situation.



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Putin believes Europe lacks the resources to integrate all migrants, and that has led to a crisis.

France remains a focal point of the protests, with at least 410,000 people taking to the streets nationwide on Saturday, including around 110,000 in Paris, according to French Interior Ministry figures.

Protests have also taken place across Italy, following a wave of violence last weekend in cities including Rome, Naples and Bologna. Police deployed water cannons and tear gas to disperse unruly demonstrators.

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Major anti-government demonstrations have also been held in Brussels, Belgium and Lisbon, Portugal with thousands marching against soaring rents and unaffordable housing. Spain has joined the weekend of protests too, with a massive pensioners' demonstration held in Madrid. On Friday night, protests erupted in the center of Barcelona with over 100 people arrested overnight.

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Exactly Putin. EU is ruled by POLITICAL SCHIZOPHRENIC personalities who are SEVERELY OBSSESSED with defeating the Russian Federation that they cannot see past their DELUSIONS.

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C **Carlo Caporaso** 10/26/2026 at 10:54 AM **1**

European governments are ruled by incompetent corrupt self serving politicians enriching themselves.They have acquired the American system of governance.As for the actual violence and property damage regarding the protests is caused by Mossad influencers.

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T **Tiberius Caesar** 10/26/2026 at 10:24 AM **0**

Putin just told Europe their street riots are self-own from the migration open bar and tradition-dumping, then they still point fingers at Moscow like the building's on fire but the arsonist is «Russia.»

Classic: import the chaos, light the fuse on housing and prices, then act shocked the parade turns into a brawl. France alone: hundreds of thousands out, over a thousand cuffed. Same script in Italy, Spain, the rest.

Leaders' response? «Must be the Russians.» Sure. Because nothing says «competent adult» like blaming the neighbor for the party you threw in your own living room.

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Guy 10/26/2026 at 7:03 AM **1**

EU members simply made the fatal mistake of adhering to the policies of unelected bureaucrats centralized in Brussels and able to print the blocs common currency.

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