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Politically Incorrect

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Do you necessarily have to be rude, vulgar and abusive to be incorrect enough and with that have a chance of being elected? The British referendum on the Brexit and now the result of the American presidential election seem to prove the truth in this. Emotion is the rule, tweet the language and lies are the argument. Since everything on the Net is relative, insults and also true reasoning, electoral effectiveness is guaranteed. Populations or elites, governors or the governed, the entire democratic world in fact

seems to have lost their reason in preference of more or less articulately expressed emotional passion.

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Elections :

Rumen Radev elected President of Bulgaria



Rumen Radev, supported by the Socialist Party (BSP) won the second round of the presidential election in Bulgaria on 13th November. With 59.35% of the vote he drew ahead of Tsetska Tsacheva, who stood for the party of the Prime Minister in office, Boyko Borissov, the Citizens for the European Development of Bulgaria (GERB), who won 36.17% of the vote. Around 6% of the voters chose to vote "for none of these candidates". Prime Minister Boyko Borissov announced that he would be resigning. The new president will take office on 22nd January... [Read more](#)

Foundation :

Politically incorrect

In spite of the Presidential results in the US it is not necessary to be a



populist to win an election. But Europe has to respond using its imagination and its audacity to conquer hearts and minds... [Read more](#)

Financial Crisis :

Economic Forecasts for autumn 2016: moderate growth



On 9th November the Commission presented its economic forecasts for autumn 2016. Economic growth in Europe is due to continue to increase at a moderate pace to reach 1.6% in the EU in 2017 and in 1.8% in 2018. The Commission also forecasts a rise in investment, inflation and the creation of jobs by 2018... [Read more](#)

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Migration :

Report on the progress made with the EU's relocation programmes



On 9th November the Commission adopted its most recent report on the progress made in the emergency relocation and resettlement programmes and assessed the work accomplished since 28th September 2016. In October 1212 people had been relocated, in other words, 160 less than in September... [Read more](#)

Migrants-parliament rejects Orban's constitutional revision



Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban suffered a further setback on 8th November after the invalidation of his referendum, as he failed to have his anti-migrant policy written into the Constitution. His bid fell two votes short of the two-thirds majority needed to pass the bill which would have made the EU's relocation of refugees in Hungary illegal... [Read more](#)

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Extension of internal border controls in the Schengen area



On 11th November the Council adopted the Commission's proposal to extend controls on certain borders in the Schengen area in Germany, Austria, Sweden, Denmark and in Norway for a further three months... [Read more](#)

First meeting of the European Coastguard Network



On 8th November the first meeting bringing together European coastguards and other institutions and organisations involved in the protection of maritime borders took place... [Read more](#)

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Commission :

Modification of trade defence instruments



On 9th November the European Commission proposed the modification of the EU's anti-dumping and anti-subsidies legislation and the strengthening of its trade defence instruments in order to rise to the present situation, such as major market distortions that exist in the economies of some trade partners... [Read more](#)

Increase in the budget allocated to promote agricultural products



As part of the 2017 strategy to promote the Union's agricultural products adopted by the Commission, European producers will have a bigger budget, i.e. 133 million €, to guarantee the promotion of their products both on the outside and within the Union and to continue finding new markets... [Read more](#)

Signature of Ecuador's membership protocol to the EU-Colombia/Peru trade agreement.

On 11th November the European Union signed the membership protocol of Ecuador to the trade agreement between EU-Colombia-Peru. The



tariff reductions will be set in place progressively over a period of 17 years... [Read more](#)

Consolidating stability in the South East of Europe



On 9th November the European Commission adopted its follow-up report on the progress made in terms of political and economic reform in the countries of the Western Balkans and in Turkey... [Read more](#)

International governance of the oceans: the Union's contribution



The Commission and the Union's High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy adopted a joint communication on 10th November in which they suggested action for safe, secure, clean and Sustainably managed seas... [Read more](#)

Parliament :

MEPs in the transport committee support draft rules for drones



A draft law updating European rules governing the safety of civil aviation in order to counter emerging risks was modified and adopted in the transport and tourism committee on 10th November. The updated regulation will also introduce European requirements for drones with the aim of protecting private life and guaranteeing security... [Read more](#)

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Council :

Eurogroup Meeting



On 7th November the 19 euro zone's Finance Ministers assessed the situation in Greece, Spain and Cyprus. They also discussed Banking Union and the Member States' 2017 budgets... [Read more](#)

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Towards a reform on corporate tax



On 8th November the 28 Economy and Finance Ministers stressed the need to increase investment levels in Europe via structural reform and healthy financial regulation... [Read more](#)

Conclusions of the Trade Council



On 11th November the European Trade Ministers assessed the proposals made by the Commission for the modernisation of the trade defence instruments. They also discussed progress made on free trade agreements presently being negotiated by the Commission after the signature of Ecuador's membership of the EU-Colombia/Peru trade agreement... [Read more](#)

Diplomacy :

Conclusions of the Foreign Affairs Council



On 14th November the Council approved conclusions on Iran, recalling the importance of the development of relations between the EU and Iran in areas of common interest. Ministers adopted conclusions on the implementation of the EU's global strategy in the area of security and defence. The Council also assessed multilateral and bilateral relations with six countries in the Eastern Partnership - Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine... [Read more](#)

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European Agencies :

Ariane 6: industrial contracts confirmed



On 8th November the European Space Agency (ESA) confirmed all of the industrial orders necessary for the completion of the Ariane 6 rocket that will take over from Ariane 5 as of 2020... [Read more](#)

Germany :

Meeting between Angela Merkel and Erna Solberg



German Chancellor Angela Merkel received her Norwegian counterpart Erna Solberg on 8th November to discuss strengthening security cooperation between the two countries. They also discussed the next G20 in which Norway will be taking part... [Read more](#)

Frank-Walter Steinmeier, the next German president



On 14th November the present German Foreign Minister, Frank-Walter Steinmeier was appointed as the present government coalition's candidate (CDU/CSU/SPD) to become the next president. After having blocked his candidacy for many weeks the CDU and the CSU finally decided to grant him their support. The presidential election will take place on 12th February 2017... [Read more](#)

Bulgaria :

IMF Report on Bulgaria



On 10th November the IMF published a report on the development of the economy in Bulgaria in which it notes the progress made in the consolidation of the economy and the need to continue structural reform... [Read more](#)

Prime Minister Boyko Borissov resigns



On 14th November, following the result of the presidential election on 13th November which witnessed the victory of Rumen Radev, Prime Minister Boyko Borissov announced his resignation that will now lead to early general elections... [Read more](#)

Gas: Bulgaria and Romania connect up to make safe their supplies



Bulgaria and Romania inaugurated a gas pipeline on 11th November to connect their gas networks in order to make safe their supplies, notably in the event of the arrival of Russian gas via Ukraine... [Read more](#)

Denmark :

Interview between the French President and the Danish Prime Minister



On 10th November French President François Hollande hosted Lars Lokke Rasmussen, the Danish Prime Minister, at the Elysée. They spoke of future relations between the EU and the USA, Brexit and France and Denmark's common interests, notably from the points of view of defence and the fight to counter terrorism... [Read more](#)

Estonia :

Government loses parliament's confidence



On 9th November Estonian Prime Minister Taavi Roivas lost the vote of confidence in parliament which automatically leads to the collapse of his government. A new coalition is due to be led by the main opposition party, the Centre with Pro Patria-Res Publica and the Social Democratic Party... [Read more](#)

Lithuania :

Lithuania: coalition agreement between the Green and Farmers Party and the Social Democratic Party



The party which won the general elections in Lithuania, the Green and Farmers Union announced on 9th November that it had signed an agreement to form a government coalition with the Social Democratic Party of outgoing Prime Minister Algirdas Butkevicius. The new coalition will have a 73 seat majority in Parliament which comprises 141 seats in

all... [Read more](#)

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Portugal :

Digital Summit in Lisbon



More than 53,000 participants from 15,000 businesses and 165 countries met between 7th and 10th November in Lisbon for the "Web Summit" nicknamed the "Geeks' Davos"... [Read more](#)

UK :

Examination of the appeal before the Supreme Court



From 5th to 8th December the British Supreme Court will be examining the government's appeal against the High Court of London's decision obliging it to consult Parliament before triggering article 50 of the TEU to exit the European Union... [Read more](#)

Scotland wants to give its opinion on the exit of the European Union



On 8th November Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon declared that the Lord Advocate, the leader of the Scottish Court will make a request to intervene in the appeal procedure launched by the British government after the decision taken by the High Court regarding article

50 of the Lisbon Treaty... [Read more](#)

Moldova :

Igor Dodon elected President of Moldova



On 13th November Igor Dodon, a member of the Socialist Party, won the second round of the presidential election winning 52.18% of the vote. He came out ahead of the candidate Maia Sandu (47.82%)... [Read more](#)

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Ukraine :

Six MPs from the Crimea added to the list of EU sanctions



The EU added the names of six MPs from the Crimea recently elected to the Russian Duma to the list of personalities targeted by its restriction measures that were decided upon after the annexation by Russia of the Crimea in March 2014... [Read more](#)

Council of Europe :

Award of the Council of Europe's Democracy Innovation Prize



The Council of Europe's Democracy Innovation Prize was awarded on 9th November to the German initiative Kiron, which aims to facilitate refugees' access to higher education notably via online lessons... [Read more](#)

NATO :

Meeting of the EU's military committee



On 7th and 8th November the EU's Military Committee met to discuss EU-NATO cooperation, naval operations and the implementation of the global strategy regarding foreign policy and security issues... [Read more](#)

Operation "Sea Guardian" launched in the Mediterranean



NATO launched a new operation in the central Mediterranean on 9th November. Christened "Sea Guardian", enjoying the use of frigates, two submarines and airplanes it aims to counter terrorism... [Read more](#)

Eurostat :

Environment, transport and energy in the EU



On 10th November Eurostat published a statistical portrait of key areas of action by the Union in terms of the environment, transport and energy... [Read more](#)

Studies/Reports :

Report on trends in taxation



On 11th November the European Commission presented its report 2016 on taxation trends in the EU, as well as in Iceland and Norway. It notably points to the rise in tax revenues in most of the States... [Read more](#)

Education and Training Monitor



Published on 7th November the Education and Training Monitor drafted by the Commission shows that although progress has been made, Member States must make their education systems more relevant and more inclusive, particularly regarding the integration of refugees and migrants... [Read more](#)

Culture :

Interfilm-International Short Film Festival in Berlin



From 14th to 20th November the 32nd International Short Film Festival - Interfilm - will be taking place in Berlin. On this occasion 580 films from 60 different countries will be screened... [Read more](#)

Paul Klee and the Surrealists" in Bern



From 18th November 2016 to 12th March 2017 an exhibition "Paul Klee and the Surrealists" will be on at the Paul Klee Centre in Switzerland. For the very first time this exhibition explores the relations between the artist and the French Surrealists in Paris in the 1920's and 1930's... [Read more](#)

Prado Museum: the origins of painting



From 15th November to 19th January 2017 the Prado Museum of Madrid is organising an exhibition entitled "Metapintura: un viaje a la idea del arte". With around one hundred pictures on show this exhibition looks into the roots, the rules and the role played by images in painting... [Read more](#)

Frédéric Bazille, Impressionism's youth



From 15th November to 5th March 2017 the Musée d'Orsay is organising an exhibition on the work of Frédéric Bazille, a French Impressionist painter of the 19th century. With 60 paintings the exhibition looks into his working methods, as well as his relations with other painters like Monet and Renoir... [Read more](#)

Exhibition: tribute to Richard Oelze in London

Until 7th January 2017 the Michel Werner Gallery is hosting an exhibition on German painter Richard Oelze (1900-1980), deemed to be one of the forgotten masters of Surrealism... [Read more](#)



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