

## MAY 2017

DATE: 02/05/2017

COUNTRIES: Great Britain

LINK: <https://www.theguardian.com/business/2017/may/02/britains-energy-supply-is-in-jeopardy-after-brexit-warn-mps>

SOURCES: The Guardian

TITLE: “Britain's Energy Supply is in Jeopardy after Brexit, Warn MPs”

AUTHORS: Julia Kollewe

SUMMARY: MP warned the UK's nuclear industry after leaving the European Union. The government argues the UK's the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) leave. However, the Commons Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee suggested to the government to delay exit from EURATOM. The other recommendations of the Committee is to find the transitional solutions as unrestricted energy trade between the UK and the EU, or seeking third party access to the market.

DATE: 03/05/2017

COUNTRIES: European Union

LINK: <http://www.politico.eu/article/brexit-wont-be-painless-warns-eus-michel-barnier/>

SOURCES: Politico

TITLE: “Brexit Won't be Painless, Warns EU's Michel Barnier”

AUTHORS: Jacopo Barigazzi, Quentin Ariès and Florian Eder

SUMMARY: The European Union's Chief Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier pointed that the positions are different of the both side. The first part of the divorce will take 16 months. The talks will includes the issues as borders (e.g. between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland), the rights of EU citizens. According to Barnier those are the issues that for the UK government should take more effort to resolve. Moreover, the most difficult issue to solve will be the financial settlement. “There is no punishment. There is no Brexit bill. The financial settlement is only about settling the accounts — nothing more, nothing less.” he added.

DATE: 04/05/2017

COUNTRIES: European Union and the UK

LINK: <http://www.politico.eu/article/eu-maps-out-plan-for-brexit-talks-choreography/>

SOURCES: Politico

TITLE: “EU Maps out Plan for 4-week cycles of Brexit Talks”

AUTHORS: Jacopo Barigazzi and David M. Herszenhorn

SUMMARY: The Brexit talks must follow four weeks schedule, will hold in Brussels. The first one of these four weeks is dedicated to internal preparation and consultations. In addition, the further negotiations must follow in the other three weeks regard exchange of views between the two sides, the negotiation and reporting to principles as well as publishing information emerging from the talks. Yet, the uncertainty of the issues and even in details between both sides are continuing. EU Ambassadors who now regularly meet weekly in Brussels would likely add a second meeting each week throughout the Brexit talks, and also EU Ministers would meet to discuss Brexit once a month. According to European Union officials, if the UK government agrees the Commission's plan decisions on the negotiating agenda would likely made within the first two weeks. Still the Government of the UK did not express their vision about the route of the Talks.

DATE: 05/05/2017

COUNTRIES: European Union and United States

LINK: <http://www.politico.eu/article/europe-to-trump-dont-abandon-paris-climate-deal/>

SOURCES: Politico

TITLE: "Europe to Trump: Don't Abandon Paris Climate Deal"

AUTHORS: Andrew Restuccia, Kalina Oroschakoff and Sara Stefanini

SUMMARY: European officials are holding the regular meetings with White House. The Officials are pointing their concern over United States' membership to the Paris Climate Change Agreement. Since Trump administration would not be bound by Barack Obama's plan European officials are trying to avoid the world's second-largest emitter of greenhouse gases' withdrawal from the Agreement of 2015. It must remember that George W. Bush refused to back the Kyoto Protocol that the Clinton administration signed in 1998.

DATE: 07/05/2017

COUNTRIES: European Union and France

LINK: <http://www.economist.com/news/europe/21721808-mr-macron-who-never-previously-stood-election-faces-divided-country-and-heavy?fsrc=scn/tw/te/bl/ed/>

SOURCES: The Economist

TITLE: "Europe Breathes a Sigh of Relief: Emmanuel Macron is Elected As The Next President of France"

AUTHORS:

SUMMARY: On May 7th, Emmanuel Macron win the Presidential elections of 2017 with the 66.1% of votes against far-right leader Marine Le Pen. Macron's political movement *En Marche!* founded a little bit more than a year. This movement was against the traditional party systems, and populist nationalism. The young new President of France is pro-European. "Germany, the euro zone's biggest economy and France's longstanding ally within Europe, has notably vested great hopes in the

incoming president's determination to break with his predecessors' habits of ignoring campaign promises to reform France.”

DATE: 08/05/2017

COUNTRIES: France

LINK: <http://www.dw.com/en/eu-leaders-thrilled-to-welcome-president-macron/a-38750685>

SOURCES: Deutsche Welle

TITLE: “EU Leaders Thrilled to Welcome President Macron”

AUTHORS: Teri Schultz

SUMMARY: The European Union's leaders expressed their happiness for the victory of Emmanuel Macron of the presidential elections on May 7th. European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, Foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini, and European Council President Donald Tusk sent their congratulations to Macron and they referred to his pro-European vision with their letters and on social media.

DATE: 08/05/2017

COUNTRIES: Germany

LINK: <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-france-election-germany-idUSKBN18412U>

SOURCES: Reuters

TITLE: “Germany Rejects Idea of Joint Euro Bonds After Macron Victory”

AUTHORS: Andrea Shalal and Michael Nienaber

SUMMARY: The spokeswoman of Finance Minister said that there will be common issues to discuss between Germany and France after the new French government takes office. Strengthening the euro zone will be one issues that these two countries would discuss. Yet Merkel said on Monday that cooperation with France was a crucial for German foreign policy and pointed that Germany did not need to economical change.

DATE: 09/05/2017

COUNTRIES: European Union and France

LINK: <http://www.politico.eu/article/juncker-no-rush-for-an-eu-finance-minister/>

SOURCES: Politico

TITLE: “Juncker: No Rush for an EU Finance Minister”

AUTHORS: Jacopo Barigazzi

SUMMARY: President of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker is cautious about the Emmanuel Macron's plans. Juncker pointed that he is on favor of found EU Finance Minister but he added his concerns about the coordinating national budgets in case of rush to change.

DATE: 10/05/2017

COUNTRIES: European Union and Russia

LINK: <http://www.politico.eu/article/russia-sanctions-to-be-extended-say-eu-diplomats/>

SOURCES: Politico

TITLE: “Russia Sanctions to Be Extended, Say EU diplomats”

AUTHORS: Jacopo Barigazzi

SUMMARY: The sanctions introduced against Russia had no process since two years. These sanctions imposed over the annexation of Crimea and military intervention in eastern Ukraine in 2014 for the first time. EU’s foreign policy Chief Federica Mogherini pointed that the annexation of Crimea is unacceptable and she pointed that the Union wants to have good relations with Russia. EU leaders will decide on sanctions at June Summit.

DATE: 10/05/2017

COUNTRIES: European Union

LINK: <http://www.euronews.com/2017/05/10/ecj-rules-that-non-eu-parents-have-eu-residency-rights-through-their-children>

SOURCES: Euronews

TITLE: “ECJ Rules That Non-EU Parents Have EU Residency Rights through Their Children”

AUTHORS:

SUMMARY: The European Court of Justice in Luxembourg decided that if the children of non-EU citizens born in the Union territories, their parents should have right to residence in European Union. The decision is took on a Venezuelan mother lost her welfare rights after she separated from her child’s Dutch father.

DATE: 11/05/2017

COUNTRIES: Hungary

LINK: <http://www.politico.eu/article/hungarys-latest-refrain-we-will-be-slaves-no-longer/>

SOURCES: Politico

TITLE: “Hungary’s Latest Refrain: ‘We Will Be Slaves No Longer’”

AUTHORS: Lili Bayer

SUMMARY: Thousands of people protest the Prime Minister Viktor Orbán. After the preparation of a draft bill on nonprofits and legislation that essentially would close down the Central European University in Budapest, the protest started to being a mass movement. If the bill become a law 80.000 people will draw streets. The declining support of the Prime Minister Orbán on the benefit of the far-right party that enjoyed the 14 percent of votes.

DATE: 11/05/2017

COUNTRIES: European Union

LINK: <https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2017/may/11/meps-will-veto-any-brexite-deal-that-fails-to-uphold-citizens-rights>

SOURCES: The Guardian

TITLE: "MEPs Will Block Any Brexit Deal Threatening EU Citizens' Rights"

AUTHORS: Jennifer Rankin

SUMMARY: The European parliament's Brexit coordinator Guy Verhofstadt said that the citizen's rights are important on Brexit deals and the Parliament would not give consent to any decision that could harm the citizen's rights of the both sides.

DATE: 11/05/2017

COUNTRIES: European Union

LINK: <http://www.politico.eu/article/digital-single-market-mid-term-report-card-tktkt-percent/>

SOURCES: Politico

TITLE: "EU Scrapes a Pass on Digital Single Market"

AUTHORS: Joanna Plucinska, Laurens Cerulus and Ryan Heath

SUMMARY: Thirty years passed after the launch of the European Union single market, twenty years passed since the first work on launching a telecoms single market, ten years passed from the digital single market idea launched and Digital Single Market (DSM) Strategy initiated in 2015. Yet achievement seems so far, according to Andrus Ansip.

DATE: 11/05/2017

COUNTRIES: European Union

LINK: <http://www.cnbc.com/2017/05/11/uber-europe-court-transportation-service.html>

SOURCES: CNBC

TITLE: "Uber is A Transportation Service and Could Need New Licenses in Europe, Top Court Advisor Says"

AUTHORS: Arjun Kharpal

SUMMARY: The European Court of Justice decided that "The Uber electronic platform, whilst innovative, falls within the field of transport: Uber can thus be required to obtain the necessary licences and authorizations under national law". Yet, this is an advisory statement; the judges are tend to follow it. The process initiated in 2014, after a group called Elite Taxi claimed that Uber was engaging in an unfair competition.

DATE: 12/05/2017

COUNTRIES: European Union and Ireland

LINK: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-39889292>

SOURCES: BBC

TITLE: "EU's Barnier Visiting Irish Border Region"

AUTHORS: John Campbell

SUMMARY: The European Union's chief Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier visits the Irish border. In two day long visit of Barnier will meet with local business owners who could effect negatively for the divorce between European Union and Great Britain.

DATE: 12/05/2017

COUNTRIES: Romania

LINK: <https://apnews.com/606ac9db7db146e7b875df9f6095044a/EU-official:-Romania's-membership-brings-peace,-stability>

SOURCES: AP

TITLE: "EU Official: Romania's Membership Brings Peace, Stability"

AUTHORS: Alison Mutler

SUMMARY: European Commission's president Jean Claude Juncker talked in the Parliament of Romania. The said Romania's membership in the European Union has brought "peace and stability to our continent". Added also that, Romania deserves to be a Schengen member as soon as possible.

DATE: 13/05/2017

COUNTRIES: France

LINK: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/may/13/macron-germany-eurozone-french-president>

SOURCES: The Guardian

TITLE: "Macron to Visit Germany to Seek Support for A Beefed Up Eurozone"

AUTHORS: Angelique Chrisafis

SUMMARY: Emmanuel Macron will be augured on Sunday, May 14th. The day after, on Monday will make his first visit to Berlin as the President and will meet Angela Merkel. French President wants to make closer ties with Germany.

DATE: 14/05/2017

COUNTRIES: The UK

LINK: <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/05/14/world/europe/pro-europeans-britain-election-tactical-voting.html?rref=collection%2Fsectioncollection%2Feurope&r=0>

SOURCES: The New York Times

TITLE: "Pro-E.U. Britons Weigh Tactical Voting as a Way to Be Heard in the Elections"

AUTHORS: Stephen Castle

SUMMARY: A movement named “Best for Britain” calls British people to vote tactically in general elections. The pro-Europeans, by this type of protest, want to make their voice and hope to minimize the effects of Brexit.

DATE: 14/05/2017

COUNTRIES: The UK and European Union

LINK: <https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2017/may/14/lord-rogers-and-leading-uk-architects-call-for-clarity-on-eu-nationals-brexite>

SOURCES: The Guardian

TITLE: “Lord Rogers and leading UK architects call for clarity on EU nationals”

AUTHORS: Lisa O’ Carroll

SUMMARY: A group of the county’s leading architects made a statement about how the UK will effect from Brexit. The statement pointed that Brexit will have “deeply negative consequences” for architecture if the UK will continue to employ EU citizens. The future of the EU nationals in the UK still did not clarify.

DATE: 15/05/2017

COUNTRIES: European Union and Venezuela

LINK: <https://apnews.com/b4ddac4fe70b4de1848a4166e17aad64/EU-urges-end-to-Venezuela-violence-against-protesters>

SOURCES: AP

TITLE: “EU Urges End to Venezuela Violence against Protesters”

AUTHORS:

SUMMARY: European Union foreign ministers pointed that Venezuelan authorities must respect to human rights. Venezuelan authorities are continuing to respond the peaceful anti-government protesters by violence.

DATE: 16/05/2017

COUNTRIES: European Union

LINK: <http://www.euronews.com/2017/05/16/eu-s-top-court-makes-surprise-ruling-on-trade-deals>

SOURCES: Euronews

TITLE: “EU’s Top Court Makes Surprise Ruling on Trade Deals”

AUTHORS: Seamus Kearney

SUMMARY: “The European Court of Justice has ruled that a free trade deal struck between the EU and Singapore in 2014 cannot come into force unless ratified by all of the bloc’s member states.” Deal must ratified by the 28 member states and 40 regional and national parliaments.

DATE: 17/05/2017

COUNTRIES: Spain

LINK: <http://www.politico.eu/article/brexit-negotiation-spain-sets-sights-on-citizens-deal/>

SOURCES: Politico

TITLE: “Spain Sets sights On Post-Brexit Citizens Deal”

AUTHORS: Diego Torres

SUMMARY: Spain’s foreign minister, Alfonso Dastis, said that Madrid thinks that the UK brings many requirements to the table. He also pointed that the citizens’ rights are their priority. Dastis also added what kind of agreement they expects. According to him, the agreement must include financial settlements and have to be reciprocal. Another issue that he mentioned is the permanent residency of the EU citizens in the UK. He said that they want an easy procedure for the EU citizens who are living in the UK already to apply permanent residency. The Brexit guideline talks that the EU citizens who live more than five years in the UK should granted the permanent residency. Currently there is a large number of British citizens in Spain, which is the key issue of this statement.

DATE: 17/05/2017

COUNTRIES: European Union

LINK: <http://www.euronews.com/2017/05/17/ukraine-and-eu-sign-long-awaited-visa-waiver-deal>

SOURCES: Euronews

TITLE: “Ukraine and EU Sign Long-Awaited Visa Waiver Deal”

AUTHORS: Seamus Kearnnet

SUMMARY: Ukrainian and EU officials have signed a long-awaited visa waiver deal, which let Ukrainians to stay in EU countries for 180 days, in order to 90 days without visas.

DATE: 18/05/2017

COUNTRIES: European Union and NATO

LINK: <http://www.euronews.com/2017/05/18/nato-and-eu-defence-ministers-talk-cooperation-trump-and-cyber-security>

SOURCES: Euronews

TITLE: “NATO and EU Defense Ministers Talk Cooperation, Trump and Cyber Security”

AUTHORS:

SUMMARY: The EU Defense Ministers met in Brussels to discuss to strengthen defense and security of the Union as well as the military alliance with NATO.



DATE: 18/05/2017

COUNTRIES: Germany

LINK: <http://www.politico.eu/article/angela-merkel-uk-will-pay-a-price-if-it-stops-eu-migration/>

SOURCES: Politico

TITLE: “Angela Merkel: UK Will ‘Pay A Price’ If It Stops EU Migration”

AUTHORS: Cynthia Kroet

SUMMARY: Angela Merkel pointed the 100.000-200.000 EU citizens in the UK. Merkel said the U.K.’s post-Brexit relationship with the EU is in the British government’s hands.

DATE: 18/05/2017

COUNTRIES: European Union

LINK: <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-eu-facebook-antitrust-idUSKCN18E0LA>

SOURCES:

TITLE: “EU Fines Facebook 110 Million Euros over WhatsApp Deal”

AUTHORS:

SUMMARY: European Union antitrust regulations fined 110 million euros for misleading information in 2014. The European Commission's statement is "The Commission has found that, contrary to Facebook's statements in the 2014 merger review process, the technical possibility of automatically matching Facebook and WhatsApp users' identities already existed in 2014, and that Facebook staff were aware of such a possibility."

DATE: 18/05/2017

COUNTRIES: European Union

LINK: <https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2017/may/18/eu-trade-deals-competition-labour-standards-canada-brex-it-uk>

SOURCES: The Guardian

TITLE: “EU Insists Trade Deals Must Meet Its Labour and Competition Standards”

AUTHORS: Jennifer Rankin

SUMMARY: Margrethe Vestager, the EU competition commissioner, pointed the trade Agreement with Canada of 2016, as a future model with the UK. The Agreement, known as CETA was enshrined recognition of labor standards, human rights and animal welfare.

DATE: 19/05/2017

COUNTRIES: Germany

LINK: <https://apnews.com/761b3ddd67714bcc9f6e5c7d7fe50f76/German-Parliament-passes-tougher-migrant-measures>

SOURCES: AP

TITLE: “German Parliament Passes Tougher Migrant Measures”

AUTHORS:

SUMMARY: German Parliament passed a new law about the new migrant measures. New measures making it easier to deport migrants, whose asylum applications have denied, also monitor and control of migrants.

DATE: 19/05/2017

COUNTRIES: France and Poland

LINK: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/may/19/mood-in-poland-shifts-after-macron-victory-in-france>

SOURCES: The Guardian

TITLE: “Mood in Poland Shifts After Macron's Victory in France”

AUTHORS: Patrick Wintour

SUMMARY: French President Emmanuel Macron wants a stronger Europe. He has projects such as tighten the EU workers directive and the Eurozone budget. Macron criticized Poland for repeatedly breaching European democratic norms, refusing to take its share of refugees, and for using EU law to undercut the wages of French workers. Since 2015 patriotic Law and Justice Party (PiS) ruling Poland.

DATE: 19/05/2017

COUNTRIES: European Union and Kosovo

LINK: <https://www.apnews.com/50f163c0122248d0a28fd36d343da9c8/EU-calls-for-peaceful-campaign-in-Kosovo-parliamentary-polls>

SOURCES: AP

TITLE: “EU Calls for Peaceful Campaign in Kosovo Parliamentary Polls”

AUTHORS:

SUMMARY: Parliamentary election in Kosovo will hold on June 11th. A statement Friday from the EU’s office in Kosovo said it “shares the hope for a calm and open pre-election campaign where disagreements are voiced in a constructive and peaceful manner that promotes pluralism and tolerance for different views.”

DATE: 21/05/2017

COUNTRIES: France and Italy

LINK: [http://www.reuters.com/article/us-france-italy-idUSKBN18H0ZL?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews&utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=twitter&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+Reuters%2FworldNews+\(Reuters+World+News\)](http://www.reuters.com/article/us-france-italy-idUSKBN18H0ZL?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Reuters%2FworldNews+(Reuters+World+News))

SOURCES: Reuters

TITLE: “Italy and France Call for More Integrated EU Action on Migrants”

AUTHORS:

SUMMARY: Italian Prime Minister Paolo Gentiloni urged the EU to draw up a common migration policy. He also called for the euro zone monetary union to move toward a fiscal and banking union. French President Macron pointed a reform on migration policy to protect the member states.

DATE: 21/05/2017

COUNTRIES:

LINK: <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-eu-austria-tax-idUSKBN18H0KV>

SOURCES: Reuters

TITLE: “Agreement on European Transaction Levy Within Reach: Austria's Schelling”

AUTHORS:

SUMMARY: “Agreement on a European tax on financial transactions is within reach as more countries sign up for the plan and the new French government gives it a final review, Austrian Finance Minister Hans Joerg Schelling said on Sunday.” The next step will be that the European Commission to propose draft legislation and then for ministers to decide when the tax would take effect.

DATE: 22/05/2017

COUNTRIES:

LINK: <https://www.apnews.com/889006da92f64e73be34634760b86085/EU-urges-members-to-address-inequality-as-economy-recovers>

SOURCES: AP

TITLE: “EU Urges Members to Address Inequality As Economy Recovers”

AUTHORS: Mike Corder

SUMMARY: The European Union urged the member states for the economic growth. The commission stressed that to strengthen economies and their public finances and to push through reforms that tackle social inequality in the EU.

DATE: 22/05/2017

COUNTRIES: Portugal

LINK: <http://www.euronews.com/2017/05/22/portugal-exits-eu-s-budget-deficit-watchlist>

SOURCES: Euronews

TITLE: "Portugal Exits EU'S Budget Deficit Watchlist"

AUTHORS:

SUMMARY: Portugal's budget deficit at 2% of GDP. Officials say, "Portugal is no longer in breach of the EU's budget rules." It is the lowest level of the country since it adopted the single currency.

DATE: 23/05/2017

COUNTRIES: Greece

LINK: <http://www.bbc.com/news/business-40005503>

SOURCES: BBC

TITLE: "Greece fails to secure fresh bailout funds"

AUTHORS:

SUMMARY: Greece had fallen back into recession for the first time since 2012. Greece have failed to deal but Greek Finance Minister is still optimistic. Eurogroup head Jeroen Dijsselbloem said that they were "very close" to an agreement.

DATE: 24/05/2017

COUNTRIES: Czech Republic

LINK: <http://www.dw.com/en/czech-president-appoints-new-finance-minister-ends-political-crisis/a-38976874>

SOURCES: Deutsche Welle

TITLE: "Czech President Appoints New Finance Minister, Ends Political Crisis"

AUTHORS:

SUMMARY: Czech President Milos Zeman replaced Finance Minister Andrej Babis for the longstanding protests in the country. Babis is the Czech Republic's second-richest person, in the country. He has his chemicals, food conglomerate and several media companies. He accused for avoiding tax by purchasing tax-free bonds. Yet in the October elections, his party, centrist, ANO is expecting to be the first party.

DATE: 25/05/2017

COUNTRIES: Poland

LINK: <https://www.apnews.com/7f04d4b11d48408d90be4cfcc090bd79/Poland-critical-of-EU-policy-on-taking-in-migrants>

SOURCES: AP

TITLE: "Poland Critical of EU Policy on Taking in Migrants"

AUTHORS:

SUMMARY: Poland's Prime Minister Beata Szydlo supported the declaration of the Defense Minister on her talk on Wednesday 24th May. Defense Minister Antoni Macierewicz said that they want to strengthen the army but also increase the aids to the refugee camps in the Middle East.

DATE: 25/05/2017

COUNTRIES: The US and European Union

LINK: <http://www.politico.eu/article/trump-meets-top-eu-officials-on-his-first-brussels-trip/>

SOURCES: Politico

TITLE: "Trump, EU Struggle to Get On Same Page in Brussels"

AUTHORS: Tara Palmieri and David M. Herszenhorn

SUMMARY: Donald Trump met the European Commission President Donald Tusk. They talked about Ukraine, terrorism, cooperation and alliance. In addition, Tusk remind to Trump the Paris Climate Agreement.

DATE: 26/05/2017

COUNTRIES: European Union

LINK: <https://www.apnews.com/c79e03bbf6974c99bc4bf6d928dc8e8d/Report:-EU-trade-boss-says-pre-Brexit-trade-deal-unrealistic>

SOURCES: AP

TITLE: "Report: EU trade boss says pre-Brexit trade deal unrealistic"

AUTHORS:

SUMMARY: European Union's trade commissioner Cecilia Malmstrom said, "It's unrealistic to have a trade agreement on April 1, 2019" if the UK leaves the bloc in 2019.

DATE: 28/05/2017

COUNTRIES: Germany

LINK: <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/angela-merkel-donald-trump-germany-us-no-longer-rely-european-union-climate-change-g7-a7760486.html>

SOURCES: The Independent

TITLE: "Angela Merkel says Germany can no longer rely on Donald Trump's America: 'We Europeans must take our destiny into our own hands'"

AUTHORS: Samuel Osborne

SUMMARY: German Chancellor Angela Merkel said, "We need to know we must fight for our own future as Europeans for our destiny." She added that, the new US presidency and Brexit threaten the traditional western alliance, after Donald Trump said that he needs more time to think about the Paris Climate deal.

DATE: 29/05/2017

COUNTRIES: Germany

LINK: <https://www.apnews.com/9679c8c6268c4c76a23d17920507c1fe/Merkel-spokesman:-Germany-still-seeking-stronger-US-ties>

SOURCES: AP

TITLE: “Merkel spokesman: Germany still seeking stronger US ties”

AUTHORS: David Rising

SUMMARY: On Monday May 29th, Merkel’s spokesman Steffen Seibert said that “U.S.-German relations are a strong pillar of our foreign and security policy, and Germany will continue working to strengthen these relations”, after the Merkel’s speech.

DATE: 29/05/2017

COUNTRIES: France and Russia

LINK: <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/05/29/world/europe/emmanuel-macron-putin-france-russia.html?rref=collection%2Fsectioncollection%2Fworld&r=0>

SOURCES: The New York Times

TITLE: “Emmanuel Macron Challenges Putin on Syria and Gay Rights”

AUTHORS: Alissa J. Rubin and Aurelien Breeden

SUMMARY: French President Emmanuel Macron met with the Russian President Vladimir Putin. President Macron had chance to show what kinds of issues will matter to him in international relations. The main issues were gay rights, Ukraine and Syria.

DATE: 30/05/2017

COUNTRIES: European Union

LINK: <https://www.theguardian.com/business/2017/may/30/eu-targets-lawyers-and-accountants-in-tax-avoidance-clampdown>

SOURCES: The Guardian

TITLE: “EU targets lawyers and accountants in tax-avoidance clampdown”

AUTHORS: Jennifer Rankin

SUMMARY: European commission president Jean-Claude Juncker told that he would table a draft law on accountants and lawyers and other financial experts, before the end of June that aims to exploit tax laws and shift money to offshore tax havens.

DATE: 30/05/2017

COUNTRIES: European Union

LINK: <http://www.politico.eu/article/commission-proposes-e160b-for-2018-eu-budget/>

SOURCES: Politico

TITLE: “Commission proposes €160 billion EU budget for 2018”

AUTHORS: Quentin Ariès and Maia de la Baume

SUMMARY: The European Commission proposed an EU budget of €160.6 billion with will be the last budget before the UK leaves the bloc. This means a €2 billion more than the 2017 budget. The Commission will submit the proposal to the Council of the EU and the European Parliament will make the final decision. The process will end by the end of November 2017.

DATE: 31/05/2017

COUNTRIES: European Union and China

LINK: <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-china-eu-business-idUSKBN18R0YM>

SOURCES: Reuters

TITLE: “EU business lobby urges China to walk the talk on market opening”

AUTHORS: Michael Martina

SUMMARY: European Business lobby and Chinese officials talked on trade and globalization and EU-China investment treaty within 12 months. China seeks to promote the EU-China investment deal, negotiations for which launched in 2013.

DATE: 31/05/2017

COUNTRIES: Poland

LINK: <https://www.apnews.com/7796cc3bad214c0eb33d2e6297700b94/The-Latest:-Poland-may-accept-refugees-for-medical-care>

SOURCES: AP

TITLE: “The Latest: Poland may accept refugees for medical care”

AUTHORS:

SUMMARY: Poland’s Foreign Minister Foreign Minister Witold Waszczykowski said that the government is thinking of temporarily taking in Syrians who need medical treatment. Poland refused ultimately to participate to the relocating plan for some refugees from Italy and Greece.

DATE: 31/05/2017

COUNTRIES: The Netherlands

LINK: <https://www.apnews.com/45e2a0df06e8439ba1674e764d6cfbc2/EU-Ukraine-pact-clears-major-hurdle-with-Dutch-approval>

SOURCES: AP

TITLE: “EU-Ukraine pact clears major hurdle with Dutch approval”

AUTHORS: Mike Corder

SUMMARY: The Dutch parliament completed the ratification of the EU-Ukraine Pact despite voters in the Netherlands rejecting the agreement in an advisory referendum last year.