
CLIMATE DEAL 'DIFFICULT' UNLESS EU BUDGET STALEMATE BROKEN

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Climate change and rule of law collide in Brussels this week, as EU leaders try to reach an agreement to slash emissions by 2030.

To get the climate deal, the European Council summit will have to break a standoff caused by Poland and Hungary blocking the EU'S 1.1 trillion budget and recovery fund for 2021-2027. Budapest and Warsaw have objected to attempts to link payments to compliance with the rule of law.

Hungary and Poland have a good chance of getting their way in the EU budget fight, Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán said Tuesday. But the other 25 countries show little sign of giving way to demands from Warsaw and Budapest.

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