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HOW GIORGIA MELONI AND FRENCH HOSPITALITY GOT ORBAN TO OK UKRAINE AID

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EU leaders on Thursday reached a deal to provide 50 billion in aid to Ukraine with even the Hungarian prime minister on board.

Just when he thought he was out, they pulled him back in.

It took a months-long charm offensive from Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni and some wining and dining from the French to get Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán to agree to support sending €50 billion in aid to Ukraine.

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