
EUROPEAN COMMISSION BOYCOTTS HUNGARIAN PRESIDENCY OVER ORBÁN'S TRIPS TO MOSCOW AND BEIJING

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Speculation about a boycott has been rife in Brussels since Orbán returned from his controversial visits to Moscow and Beijing.

The European Commission has decided to boycott Hungary's six-month presidency of the EU Council in response to Viktor Orbán's controversial trips to Moscow and Beijing, widely seen as an affront to the bloc's political unity.

"In light of recent developments marking the start of the Hungarian Presidency, the President (Ursula von der Leyen) has decided that the European Commission will be represented at senior civil servant level only during informal meetings of the Council," the executive's chief spokesperson, Eric Mamer, announced on Monday evening.

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