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What does the future of feminism look like in Europe?
Irene Queralt Santamatilde reports in this week's top story.



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Ursula von der Leyen outlines her vision as Commission President to MEPs, 2019.
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TOWARDS A FEMINIST EUROPE: EUROPEAN FEMINIST FOREIGN POLICY BEYOND THE HALLS OF POWER

BY IRENE QUERALT SANTAMATILDE

2020 HAS SEEN THE TOPIC OF GENDER VERY PRESENT IN EU DEBATES. URSULA VON DER LEYEN'S COMMITMENT TO "FIGHTING DISCRIMINATION AND PROMOTING GENDER EQUALITY" (2020), AS WELL AS THE NEW GENDER EQUALITY STRATEGY LAUNCHED BY COMMISSIONER DALLI, SEEM TO BE PAVING THE WAY TO THE MAINSTREAMING OF GENDER INTO THE INSTITUTIONS AND POLICIES OF THE EU.

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THE POLISH STATE ADRIFT

BY ANNA DRETTAKIS

After the Constitutional Court banned abortions in cases of foetal abnormalities in October 2020, Polish people started massive strikes in the country. On Wednesday, February 27th, however, the ruling became a law, leading to new demonstrations. Moreover, the Polish State has often been threatening the independence of courts and judges since 2016. Recently, it allowed the Disciplinary Chamber of the Supreme Court -for which independence and impartiality are not guaranteed- to make decisions that directly impact judges and the execution of their duties.

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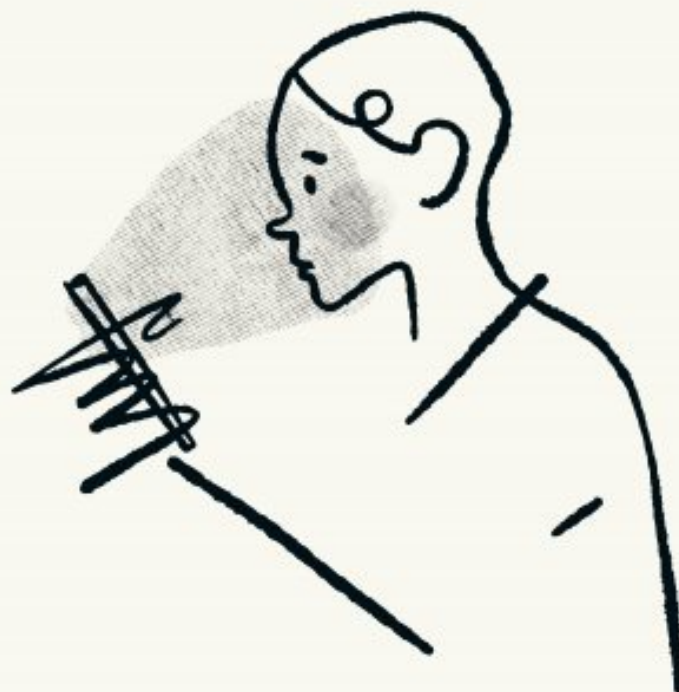


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BY NÉS FLOR GARCÍA

The European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) has declared that 'the democratic foundations of our societies are under pressure from the influence that social media has on our political opinions and our behaviours. According to the report, almost half of European citizens use social media platforms daily. While these platforms enable people's voices to be heard, heralding liberation did not come without side effects.

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EU Institutions

IS TWEETING “ANDRZEJ DUDA IS A MORON” A CRIME?: THE TROUBLING POTENTIAL FOR ABUSE IN POLAND’S DEFAMATION LAWS

BY NICHOLAS KULAWIAK

From intellectuals like Czesław Miłosz to labor organizers like Lech Wałęsa to surrealist artists like “Major” Waldemar Fydrych and the Orange Alternative, impactful dissidents have shaped recent Polish history. Yet that proud dissident tradition has increasingly come under threat, as the ruling Law and Justice Party (PiS) has sought to deploy the Polish justice system to target and deter intellectual elites and attack opposition figures.

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SIMPLY BY TAKING ŻULCZYK TO COURT, THE
GOVERNMENT HAS SENT A MESSAGE





THE EUROPEAN RECOVERY PLAN: A POLICY CONTINUATION OR A POLITICAL REVIVAL?

BY AIA KEMP-WELCH

The European Union has recently approved a recovery plan that aims to rebuild the economies of member states hard hit by the global health crisis.

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