



Russia hopes for European weakness - Crosetto's line on Ukraine is our bulwark of Democracy

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The international landscape is going through one of its most critical and complex phases. On one hand, recent diplomatic moves and pressure from Washington envoys (such as Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner) in Moscow and Kyiv risk appearing weak, **giving Vladimir Putin the sense that the Western front is caving in.** On the other hand, Europe is experiencing profound political upheavals: consider the historic electoral triumph in Germany of the right-wing AfD (opposed to military aid to Ukraine), the difficulties of the German government, political instability in France and Britain, and the constant shadow of Russian hybrid warfare striking European borders.

In this scenario where fatigue grows, **Moscow's propaganda intensifies its pressure and Europe risks finding itself without strong leaders, the position of Defense Minister Guido Crosetto assumes crucial political and moral value.**

The European context in balance and Putin's swagger

As highlighted by leading geopolitical analyses, Vladimir Putin looks favorably upon the cracks he perceives in the West. The illusion of being able to bend Ukraine through fatigue and reduced allied support is fueled by every political hesitation and every victory of populist and pro-Russian forces in Europe. At a moment when diplomacy risks transforming itself into masked surrender — demanding that Kyiv cede territories or renounce its sovereignty — the moral and strategic resilience of individual Member States becomes the true barrier against Kremlin expansionism.

Crosetto's response: coherence and defense of Western values

While much of the continent trembles before electoral uncertainties and energy and military blackmail, Guido Crosetto has distinguished himself by maintaining a steady course, refusing compromises and reaffirming that supporting Ukraine is not a negotiable geopolitical option, but an ethical duty.

- **The lucid reading of the threat:** Crosetto understood before others that the war waged by Moscow is not only territorial, but cognitive and existential. Russia's objective is to disintegrate the social and political cohesion of the European Union, exploiting citizens' fears.
- **The refusal of surrender masked as peace:** Facing those who would like to settle the conflict with convenient agreements favorable to the aggressor, the Italian line defended by Crosetto reaffirms that lasting peace cannot be born from the submission of a free people, but only from the restoration of international law.
- **The courage not to yield to fatigue:** In a Europe where governments tremble and risk slipping toward positions accommodating Moscow, Crosetto's firmness represents a stronghold of convinced Atlanticism and institutional responsibility.

Toward a winter of resistance

Geopolitical analysis reminds us that the imperative for NATO and Western countries must be the acceleration of support to Kyiv, to render the Russian offensive futile. At this historically high-risk moment, in which Ukrainian determination remains the only true brake on the

Kremlin's imperial ambitions, **the clear and uncompromising voice of Guido Crosetto confirms that Italy has chosen the right side of history: the one defending freedom against the law of the strongest.**