



Russian-Ukrainian Cognitive Warfare and Energy Geopolitics: Giorgia Meloni, a True European Leader

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Against the increasingly complex backdrop of the **information and cognitive warfare** accompanying the Russo-Ukrainian conflict, the stance of European Union political leaders represents a decisive strategic arena. In her statements to Parliament on the eve of the European Council, Prime Minister **Giorgia Meloni** reaffirmed Italy's position, emerging as a prominent and resolute figure on the European and international political stage.

Rejecting the Trump-Putin Deal on Russian Diesel Fuel

At a time when geopolitical dynamics are marked by intense tensions and signs of rapprochement between Washington and Moscow, Meloni did not hesitate to distance herself from Donald Trump's latest moves.

- **Criticism of the energy deal:** The prime minister described as «*very risky*» the deal on Russian diesel fuel announced by the American tycoon.
- **Legitimizing Moscow:** According to Meloni, reopening access to Russian energy supplies or yielding to such compromises risks **legitimizing Vladimir Putin** and providing him with new revenue to finance the aggression against Kyiv.
- **The Kremlin's response:** The prime minister's remarks prompted an immediate reaction from Moscow, which sharply replied: «*none of her business*».
- **Kyiv's thanks:** For his part, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky expressed gratitude for the firmness of Italy's position.

«*Surrender is not peace; it is conquest. Halting support for Ukraine would mean exposing the invaded country to the risk of capitulation.*» — **Giorgia Meloni**

Countering Cognitive Warfare and Disinformation

Cognitive warfare is fought not only through online propaganda, but also through attempts to erode the political resolve and unity of Western countries. In her speech, the prime minister dismantled several key points in the public debate:

- **Unambiguous support:** Meloni recalled that accepting Ukraine's surrender would not lead to peace, but to the occupation of a European nation and the return of Soviet-style imperialism.
- **Defense and public spending:** She rejected the narrative that defense spending diverts resources from healthcare or education, clarifying that European flexibility measures for security are additional resources.
- **Attack on political opportunism:** She openly criticized elements within both the majority and the opposition calling for a change of course: «*It would be more credible if you resigned and stood for election on the new positions you support*».

Conclusion: The Stature of a Leader

By refusing to yield to energy blackmail and maintaining a principled stance against Moscow's provocations and the isolationist temptations of the American ally, Giorgia Meloni heads to the European Council as a point of reference for the Union's stability and resolve. Her ability to hold

the cognitive and information front — clearly distinguishing between genuine peace and capitulation — strengthens her leadership both domestically and internationally.