

## The Bulletin



Covid-19 is infecting European elections, and Romania may have caught the worse dose. Alexis Vannier discusses in this week's top story.



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#### IN ROMANIA, THE LIBERAL-CONSERVATIVE RIGHT UNSEATS THE LIBERAL-CONSERVATIVE LEFT

BY BY ALEXIS VANNIER TRANSLATED BY REBECCA WENMOTH

THE CORONAVIRUS EPIDEMIC IS RAGING ACROSS EUROPE, BUT HAS HIT CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE HARDER. ALTHOUGH SOME COUNTRIES, SUCH AS LITHUANIA AND MOLDAVIA, HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HOLD ELECTIONS, THE VERY WORRYING PUBLIC HEALTH SITUATION IN ROMANIA DID NOT INSPIRE OPTIMISM AHEAD OF SUNDAY'S LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS.

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### TRUMP MADE **EUROPE STRONGER**

BY CESARE CECCATO, TRANSLATED BY BRITTANY INGHAM-BARROW

In the recent US elections, incumbent President Donald Trump was defeated by the Democratic candidate Joe Biden. The populist leader, born in New York, will therefore be forced to leave the White House after four years of policies of isolationism which, paradoxically, have only provoked strength and growth within the European Union.

IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL RESUME THE PATH BEGUN BY BARACK OBAMA, **FAVOURING A** FRIENDLY AND STABLE FUTURE

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## POLAND, PARLIAMENT, AND PRACTICALITY

#### By Julia Golachowska

On 26 November, the European Parliament adopted a resolution on the de facto ban on the right to abortion in Poland. The document condemns the newly announced ruling of Julia Przyłębska's Constitutional Tribunal that proclaimed the unconstitutionality of abortion in the case of fetal abnormality and ipso facto practically banned any pregnancy termination. Both sides cite the Polish Constitution.

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# THE ENEMY WITHIN? ARTICLE 259 AND THE UNION'S INTERGOVERNMENTALISM

#### By Guillermo Íñiguez

The developments witnessed throughout the past few weeks point towards an increasingly likely possibility: that Poland will be brought before the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) not by any European institution, but by another EU Member State.

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## Social Fabric

CLAIMING THEIR RIGHTS:
MAYOTTE'S ASYLUM
SEEKERS DEMONSTRATE
IN THE STREETS ACCOUNTS FROM THE
DEMONSTRATIONS

BY CELINA WALD, ELENA IWANSKI, MALEK S, STÉPHANIE-FABIENNE LACOMBE

In Mayotte, work permits are inaccessible for the majority of asylum seekers, and the general unemployment rate on the island is high. The Coronavirus measures put in place by the French government in March 2020 have had a major impact on the economic survival of many asylum seekers on the overseas territory.



PEOPLE START TO
FEEL SO
DEPRESSED,
FRUSTRATED AND
DISAPPOINTED. - IT
IS LIKE A PHOBIA
FOR US.





# WILL THE WORLD FOLLOW IN SCOTLAND'S FOOTSTEPS?

#### BY ELSIE HALDANE

Scotland has recently become the first country in history to offer free sanitary products to all. The Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill, which was passed unanimously by the Scotlish parliament on 24th November, requires local authorities to ensure that items such as tampons and sanitary towels are available to "those that need them". Scotland has previously committed to providing free products in schools, colleges, and universities, as well as funding projects to provide sanitary provisions to low-income houses.





WOMEN TEND TO EXPERIENCE A HIGHER
LIKELIHOOD OF LIVING IN POVERTY THAN MEN
DO, FACING AN INCREASED CHANCE OF BEING
LIMITED TO LOW-WAGE WORK, MORE
COMMONLY HAVING TO TAKE CARE OF
CHILDREN AND MORE OFTEN FACING
DISCRIMINATION AND HEALTH ISSUES.



## **Digital Affairs**



### A DIGITAL EURO: THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK PICKS UP ON ACCELERATED DIGITALISATION

#### BY INÉS FLOR GARCÍA

The European Central Bank (ECB) has launched a public consultation to decide whether to set in motion the 'digital euro project'. Questions about the benefits, risks, and reasoning behind the project have arisen, most of which have been answered by Fabio Panetta, Member of the Executive Board of the ECB, at the ECON Committee of the European Parliament. A decision is expected in the middle of 2021.



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PROJECT PRESENTS
ITSELF AS AN EFFORT
TO IMPROVE THE
EUROPEAN CITIZEN'S
QUALITY OF LIFE BY
ADAPTING TO AND
ANTICIPATING THEIR
DIGITAL NEEDS.





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