

# Game Setting & Teams

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# Game Setting

Suppose that Sweden and Finland declare that they will not accept any agreement on the EU Multiannual Financial Framework without an agreement on the European Agenda on Migration.

In particular, they wish to extend the proposed EU funding conditionality, and to link the EU funding with accepting migrants according to the agreed quotas.

Backed by Italy, Spain and Greece.

The Commission refused to comment. Germany's government either. However, the insiders from Berlin revealed that Germany is sympathetic to Sweden and others, but unwilling to declare an open support.

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The negotiations on the MFF already complicated. The new conflict undermines the current efforts of the European Commission President Jean Claude Juncker to present the Commission as competent, and being able to face the challenges of the present before the European Parliament elections.

The conditionality of EU funding upon meeting the rule-of-law criteria rejected by Hungary and Poland, now other CE countries might join their coalition.

But MFF has to be approved by all EU member states unanimously.

# Goal of the Game

To reach an agreement about the EU's Multiannual Financial Framework.

In particular, to negotiate conditionality of provisions of the cohesion funds upon compliance with the EU wide policies adopted by a majority of countries, i.e. migration policy, rule of law etc.

Further, the negotiations shall reach an agreement about the main elements for the long-term framework to handle the migration to the EU.

Note that the EU budgetary framework has to be accepted unanimously. No agreement implies that the upcoming budget for 2021 has to correspond to the old MFF, and the new priorities cannot receive funding.

# Teams

**European Commission/European Parliament.** Supposed to provide draft of the budget and a solution, need to approve the final decision. The final solution cannot be accepted without the consent of this group.

*Mainka P., Charlier F., Wisenthal D., Hazaryan G.*

**Sweden/Finland.** Countries supporting quotas, requiring overhaul of the Dublin regulation. Proposing conditionality.

*Zadoyan A., Oyzigit E., Ribeiro M.*

**Germany/France.** Moderate countries, perhaps supporting quotas, but willing to keep united EU.

*Kopanicky M., Giarrizzo E., Lanseros R.E., Ambekar S.*

**Italy/Greece.** Affected by migration flows, supporting reform of the Dublin regulation, too.

*Quiles H. A., Küçükkayıkçı C., Genetet T.*

**Poland/Hungary.** Against quotas and conditionality.

*Mainka J., Bentz A., Němčík, E., Franzoni, C.*

Good Luck!