

GLOBAL GEOPOLITICAL CHAOS (II) – RUSSIAN-AMERICAN HURRICANE OVER EUROPE

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Abstract: *Over the past twenty-three years, the world has entered a dangerous state of geopolitical turmoil with clear tendencies toward chaos. Numerous political and military analysts from Romania and from NATO and non-NATO member countries almost unanimously agree that phenomena such as the resurgence and extreme aggression of Islamic fundamentalism, the emergence of new nuclear weapons holders in dictatorship states and culminating, in the most dangerous way possible, with the political, propagandistic and military aggression of the Russian Federation (Georgia-2008, Ukraine-2014, through the annexation of Crimea, the invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022 there are already three years of cruel and violent war, resulting in the destruction of entire localities in the eastern half of Ukraine and tens of thousands of victims among civilians and soldiers). On this date (25.02.2025) the war continues with maximum ferocity on the part of Russia, directly threatening peace in Europe and the entire world.*

To complete the picture, on January 21, 2025, it returned like a storm to the House of Representatives White, as the 47th President of the USA, Donald Trump, an old friend of Russia since 1997 and a loyalist of Putin since 2000. What followed is known and the evil will probably deepen in the coming period.

At this moment, the European leaders, but also those of Romania, seem completely overwhelmed by the situation and without solutions.

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1. Introduction

I think it is appropriate to take a look at the political map of the world. We will find, without much surprise, that on all continents there are problems between states, some of which have the potential for military confrontation at any moment decided by the competitors, and others are already full-fledged war zones, as, for example, is now in Ukraine after the invasion launched by the Russian Federation on February 24, 2022, a war with devastating consequences for the neighboring state and with negative effects, on multiple levels, on European countries and the entire world.

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Today, 02/27/2025, the date on which I completed this article, the war continues with maximum intensity. It did not end within 24 hours of taking office as President, as the confident and super-optimistic Donald Trump declared. Romanian and foreign analysts, politicians from many countries of the world did not believe the empty promise for a moment.

For more than 15 years, various political and military analysts, including Romanians, have drawn attention to the main dangers threatening world peace.

In first place in a world ranking of aggression is the Russian Federation, led by a siloviki-oligarchic clan, led by Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, installed in the Kremlin on December 31, 1999, through the so-called Yeltsin maneuver.

I would not have believed, until January 2025, that in second place (with aspirations for first place), would be the United States of America, under the leadership of President Donald Trump, surrounded, like Putin, by a team of loyalists chosen on strange criteria and by friendly billionaires (generous sponsors) from Silicon Valley, the most aggressive being the so-called Elon Musk, who also developed a "passion" for Romania.

Donald Trump started off strong, firmly declaring, repeatedly, that he wants, for starters:

- **Groenlanda**, 2.160.000 square kilometers, 57.000 inhabitants;
- **Canada**, 9.985.000 square kilometers, population of approximately 35 million inhabitants;
- **Panama**, 75.173 square kilometers, 3,4 milion inhabitants;
- **Gaza Strip**, 360.000 square kilometers, 2,3 milion inhabitants.

Of course, Donald Trump is also thinking about other annexations during his term.

Major dangers also come from some terrorist states and entities in Asia, such as North Korea, Iran, the Islamic State and other movements in the Middle East.

A question mark is that regarding China's policy in the coming years, given the accelerated and massive armament of this communist state, with a capitalist economic component, controlled by the state. President Xi Jinping's threats against Taiwan have increased in recent years.

Xi Jinping may take advantage, in the short term, of the geopolitical complications regarding the USA, Russia and Ukraine and attempt a major military action against Taiwan.

Added to the dangers mentioned above are the older and newer separatist and autonomist movements that haunt Europe, with a strongly destructive effect on European unity, peace and the well-being of the population of approximately 500 million inhabitants.

In this complicated geopolitical context, a legitimate question arises – who wants the destruction of the political and military unity of the EU and NATO and why!?

The answer is not too difficult to guess, especially since in the last month explicit threats have been issued by the White House against the EU and some member states, including Romania.

2. About the Russian Federation

Russia under the current authoritarian leadership (actually a dictatorship) of **President Vladimir Putin**, has returned quickly and decisively since 2000, to the restoration of great power status, to parity with the USA, aspiring to the restoration, step by step, of the former USSR, in the format of USSR 2.0, first by bringing the former Soviet republics back to obedience and then, to the expansion of political influence over the so-called "**Near Abroad**", which at first may be as far as Berlin and then as far as the Atlantic, as some violent ideologists and propagandists of Moscow (Alexander Dughin, Dmitry Medvedev, information vectors subordinate to the Kremlin, etc.) claim daily.

Only the naive and ignorant of global geopolitical games **do not see** (or do not want to see) that all political, propaganda, cyber, economic and military actions of the Russian Federation are continuously and aggressively directed against the West, with the explicitly assumed objective of destroying the political and military cohesion of the EU and NATO.

In this context, I must emphasize the direct and effective help of the new US Administration, granted to Russia by Putin, so that he can achieve his objectives in Ukraine and, in a first stage, in Eastern Europe.

To achieve its goals, Russia does not shy away from anything, including large-scale military aggressions, as it is doing now in Ukraine, for three years now. There is enough information that NATO and/or EU countries are infested with Russian spies (or recruited by Russians from target countries, from some states in Asia and South America). In the last three years alone, over 500 of them have been expelled (are there still enough, including in Romania and are they still allowed to act!?).

In this complicated geopolitical context, I think it is worth studying (not just reading in passing) the books of Russian authors such as Mark Solonin ¹ and Viktor Suvorov² to better understand that Russia's policies and the aggressive behavior of Russians have not changed in the last 300 years. Although they have the largest territory on the globe (17,075,400 square kilometers, excluding the annexed and conquered

¹ Mark Solonin, „Butoiul și cercurile”, Polirom Publishing House, Bucharest, 2012.

² Viktor Suvorov, „Spărgătorul de gheață”, Polirom Publishing House, Bucharest, 2010 și „Ziua M”, Polirom Publishing House, Bucharest i, 2011.

territories of Ukraine) and a population of 144 million inhabitants (a density of 8 inhabitants per square kilometer, one of the lowest in the world), having immense resources, they are not enough and they want even more (!?).

For readers interested in the topic "Russia", I think the book "**Russia's War with the World**" is worth reading³, written by Keir Giles.

On the subject of Russia, I have published several articles in the Journal of Military Sciences in the last twelve years, for personal and professional reasons, which I still consider necessary for **active military personnel**, in particular. Without quoting from these articles (I hope that potential readers will not be too upset), I will present them in the bibliography, because, I believe, they demonstrate the "**red thread**" of **Putin's Russia's** actions (^{4,5,6,7,8,9}).

Of course, there are many Romanian and foreign authors who have analyzed Russia's actions and have noticed the dangers to which the World and especially Europe is subjected. It is **disappointing** that the political forces in democratic countries have not given much importance to the obvious facts for ordinary citizens and, as a result, have not taken credible measures to deter the aggressor, who day by day, hour by hour (Lenin's words) generates instability, including through numerous hybrid war actions, but also through explicit acts of war (Georgia, Chechnya, Ukraine, Syria, etc.).

I believe it is important to present here some main coordinates of the Eastern Empire's policies as follows:

- Maintaining and amplifying conflicts between the states of the Caucasus;
- Direct military aggression against Georgia;
- Annexation of Crimea in 2014 and the outbreak of war against Ukraine on February 24, 2022;
- Destruction of Chechnya and its capital;
- Total involvement in Syria in favor of the dictatorial regime of Bashar al-Assad (now disappeared) and overt support for North Korea and

³ Keir Giles, „Războiul Rusiei cu lumea (și cum ne afectează)”, Niculescu Publishing House, Bucharest, 2023.

⁴ Mincu Constantin, *Evoluții geopolitice globale și regionale probabile în secolul XXI*, „Revista de Științe Militare”, no. 2/2013.

⁵ Mincu Constantin, *Federația Rusă și restul lumii*, „Revista de Științe Militare”, no. 3/2017.

⁶ Mincu Constantin, *Agresivitatea politico-militară globală a Federației Ruse*, „Revista de Științe Militare”, no. 2/2019.

⁷ Mincu Constantin, *Haos geopolitic global*, „Revista de Științe Militare”, no. 4/2019.

⁸ Mincu Constantin, *Turbulență geopolitică globală*, „Revista de Științe Militare”, no. 2/2020.

⁹ Mincu Constantin, *Politica actuală a Federației Ruse – un mister ascuns într-o enigmă*, „Revista de Științe Militare”, no. 4/2021.

Iran so that they can develop their nuclear arsenal and delivery vectors to targets;

- Proliferation of increasingly frequent threats, with the use of force against the Baltic States, Poland and Romania;
- Frequent sabotage of the communications and electricity transmission infrastructure in the Baltic Sea;
- Opening and developing the capabilities of new military bases abroad (Syria, Libya, Sudan, Cuba, Venezuela);
- The unprecedented intensification, after 1991, of the activity of bomber aviation and nuclear submarines in the vicinity of the borders of the USA, Canada, Great Britain and the Nordic countries;
- The implementation of large-scale military applications, starting with 2017 (ZAPAD-2017, VOSTOK-18 (in 2018) and until today-2025);
- Constant attempts to take control of the entire Black Sea area (the Russian Sea as a Russian politician recently stated), ignoring international law and the legitimate interests of the riparian states;
- There are numerous other aggressive actions of the Russian Federation against countries considered "unfriendly".

A particularly worrying aspect is the development and use of digital or cyber weapons by several states, and already clearly by the Russian Federation. Thus, Russia has directly involved itself in the electoral processes in the USA, Great Britain, France, Germany, Romania and other states (in the case of Romania and Germany, this concerns the elections that were recently massively sabotaged through the use of troll farms and thousands of fake accounts opened on the TIK-TOK and TELEGRAM networks).

Once again, I am forced to insist that the USA, NATO states and/or the EU have not reacted quickly and adequately to Russia's hybrid attacks, leaving this state too much freedom of movement to pursue its malign goals.

3. United States of America

During the first term of President Donald Trump, the impression was created (justified by the events that occurred) that the US acts on the international stage in an emotional and unpredictable way, which could lead to major conflicts at any time. Political and military leaders from the main world powers have strived to understand US policies and, as much as possible, to temper the natural impulsiveness of the US leader.

During the aforementioned term, several turbulences occurred in the complicated file of US-Russia relations, such as:

- The denunciation by the USA, and then by Russia, of the INF Treaty (Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty), concluded in 1987 by Reagan and Gorbachev;

- It was proven that Russia lied about the number and capabilities of its SSC-8 medium-range missiles. In fact, it has 64 SSC-8 missiles with a range of 2350 km, capable of carrying nuclear warheads (probably now, in 2025, the number of missiles is higher). This means that all of Europe is in mortal danger.

During the term of President Joe Biden (January 21, 2021 – January 21, 2025), the shock of the outbreak of the war in Ukraine (24.02.2022) occurred, forcing the US Administration to take, together with European allies and beyond, several actions to stop the war through a series of economic and financial sanctions, while helping Ukraine with weapons, ammunition and logistics to deal with the aggressor.

However, there are reasonable suspicions that in the process of helping Ukraine with large sums of money, embezzlement and misappropriation occurred, attributed to both Ukrainians and American "sponsors". However, the exact figures are not known, they vary between 163 billion USD (Biden and EU version) and 350 billion USD, Trump version). I think that at this moment it is difficult to discern what the truth is.

The time has come for the inauguration, on 21.01.2025, of the 47th President of the USA – Donald Trump, at the White House. His mandate, as is already known, began with a storm, by signing dozens of **Executive Orders**, regarding some domestic policies, but also the tax regime against traditional allies – Canada, Mexico, the European Union (pending), but also against China, considered by the Trump Administration as the main geopolitical and economic rival of the USA. Surprisingly or not, he has not taken any measures against Russia so far, on the contrary, the development of events after 01.02.2025 shows a reset of relations with Moscow and the revival of a great friendship, to the detriment of Ukraine and the European Union.

Here are some opinions and analyses in the press in Romania and in other countries regarding the "RUSSIAN-AMERICAN HURRICANE OVER EUROPE" (I believe we can have the willingness to study and understand them critically, each of us using our own knowledge and professional experience in these complicated geopolitical developments, on a global scale):

- **Title:** „Ținta nu e doar Ucraina, ci slăbirea sau chiar distrugerea Europei”. Temeri că America lui Trump se desparte de UE și se aliază Rusiei lui Putin¹⁰. Auhor Adrian Cochino;

¹⁰ „Ținta nu e doar Ucraina, ci slăbirea deliberată sau chiar distrugerea Europei”. Temeri că America lui Trump se desparte de UE și se aliază Rusiei lui Putin, 01.02.2025, available at <https://hotnews.ro/tinta-nu-e-doar-ucraina-ci-slabirea-deliberata-sau-chiar-distrugerea-europei-temeri-ca-america-lui-trump-se-desparte-de-ue-si-se-aliniaz-a-rusiei-lui-putin-1902781>, accessed on 02.03.2025.

- **Title:** „Isterie la Munchen”. Un oficial rus laudă discursul lui J.D. Vance și dă exemplul României. Declarațiile aparțin lui Viaceslav Volodin, președintele Dumei de Stat a Rusiei¹¹ (sunday, february 11, 2025);
- **Title:** „Trădarea Ucrainei de către Donald Trump l-a încurajat pe Vladimir Putin și a tras preșul de sub aliații NATO – „The Guardian” opinion¹² (saturday, february 15, 2025);
- **Title:** Analiza BBC asupra discursului lui J.D. Vance în care a vorbit și de alegerile din România: „Au fost 20 de minute foarte ciudate”¹³ (saturday, february 15, 2025);
- **Title: Reuniune de urgență la Paris pentru discuții privind securitatea europeană, după convorbirea Trump-Putin. Ce lideri au fost invitați?:**
 - NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte;
 - the leaders of Germany, Italy, the United Kingdom, Poland, Spain and Denmark.Relevant views were expressed by French President Emmanuel Macron and French Foreign Minister Jean-Moél Barrot¹⁴ (sunday, february 16, 2025).

At this point I think it is useful to pause for analysis (George Sîrbu, hotnews.ro, friday, february 21, 2025): „Cum au arătat cele zece zile care au zdruncinat relația Europei cu SUA”¹⁵:

- **US President Donald Trump's decision to bring peace to Ukraine without the involvement of Europe or even Kiev**

¹¹ „Isterie la Munchen”. Un oficial rus laudă discursul lui JD Vance și dă exemplul României, available at <https://hotnews.ro/isterie-la-munchen-un-oficial-rus-lauda-discursul-lui-jd-vance-si-da-exemplul-romaniei-1902764>, accessed on 02.03.2025.

¹² „Trădarea Ucrainei de către Donald Trump l-a încurajat pe Vladimir Putin și a tras preșul de sub aliații NATO” – opinie The Guardian, available at <https://hotnews.ro/tradarea-ucrainei-de-catre-donald-trump-l-a-incurajat-pe-vladimir-putin-si-a-tras-presul-de-sub-aliatii-nato-opinie-the-guardian-1902676>, accessed on 03.03.2025.

¹³ Analiză BBC asupra discursului lui JD Vance în care a vorbit de alegerile din România: „Au fost 20 de minute foarte ciudate”, available at <https://hotnews.ro/analiza-bbc-asupra-discursului-lui-jd-vance-in-care-a-vorbit-de-alegerile-din-romania-au-fost-20-de-minute-foarte-ciudate-1902441>, accessed on 03.03.2025.

¹⁴ Reuniune de urgență la Paris pentru discuții privind securitatea europeană după convorbirea Trump – Putin / Ce lideri europeni au fost invitați, available at <https://hotnews.ro/reuniune-de-urgenta-la-paris-pentru-discutii-privind-securitatea-europeana-dupa-convorbirea-trump-putin-ce-lideri-europeni-au-fost-invitati-1902892>, accessed on 03.03.2025.

¹⁵ Sîrbu George, Cum au arătat cele zece zile care au zdruncinat relația Europei cu SUA, available at <https://hotnews.ro/cum-au-aratat-cele-zece-zile-care-au-zdruncinat-relatia-europei-cu-sua-1906843>, accessed on 03.03.2025.

has generated a rare global political upheaval in just ten days, writes the BBC.

- **How the events of the past week and a half (february 12-february 21, 2025) have precipitated:**

- february 12: Trump announces that he has agreed with Putin to start negotiations. Donald Trump announced that he had discussed with Vladimir Putin the "**immediate start of negotiations**" to end the war in Ukraine, an announcement that took European leaders by surprise. Trump declares: *„Millions of people have died in a war that would not have happened if I had been president, but it did happen, so it must end. No more lives should be lost! I want to thank President Putin for his time and effort in this conversation and for the release yesterday of Marc Fogel, a wonderful man whom I personally welcomed to the White House.”* Then the US president called Zelensky. The Ukrainian leader said that Trump gave him details about the conversation he had with Putin: *„No one wants peace more than Ukraine. Together with the US, we are charting our next steps to stop Russian aggression and ensure a lasting and solid peace. As President Trump said, let's do it",* Zelensky said.

On the same day, Washington announced, through Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth, at least two major concessions to Russia: the fact that Ukraine can no longer return to its pre-2014 borders and that the option of Kiev joining NATO is not realistic.

- february 13: Americans want Ukraine's rare minerals.

Volodymyr Zelensky said that **Ukraine would not agree to any peace agreement without his country's involvement**, and was supported in this position by European allies. In fact, Europeans were shocked by Trump's announcement and said that what he did "**sounds like abandoning Ukraine**". And from Moscow came a message of rare virulence from Dmitry Medvedev to Europe: "**It is mad with jealousy and anger. No wonder**". The Russian press jubilated after the discussion between the leaders of Moscow and Washington: "**Trump has cut the Western world with a saw and is doing Russia's job for it**".

Secretary of State Marco Rubio brought up Ukraine's natural resources, saying he hopes to reach an agreement on the country's mineral resources that would allow it to recover, in part, with aid provided by the United States.

- february 14: J.D. Vance criticizes Romania and Germany.

Also at the Munich Security Conference, Zelensky said that Ukraine needs "**real security guarantees**" before any discussion of ending the war with Russia. In contrast, J.D. Vance all but ignored Ukraine in his Munich speech, which he used to criticize European democracies, targeting Romania

and Germany in particular. He said: "The situation got so bad that in December, Romania directly annulled the results of the presidential election based on weak suspicions from an intelligence agency and enormous pressure from its continental neighbors (!?).

- february 15: We want security guarantees, Kiev insists.

Also at the Munich Security Conference, Zelensky called for Europe to create its own armed forces and urged European leaders to decide their own future. The Ukrainian leader insisted that the mineral deal with the United States must be tied to "**security guarantees.**"

Finnish President Alexander Stubb revealed that the US has asked European nations what they can contribute in terms of security guarantees for Ukraine.

- february 16: Ukraine was not invited to the talks in Saudi Arabia.

Ukraine has not been invited to participate in the talks between the US and Russia in Saudi Arabia. The US negotiating tactics to end the war, which were shared with allies at the Munich Security Conference by US special envoy Keith Kellogg, are unorthodox but give hope, the Polish foreign minister said. European leaders have scheduled **an emergency meeting in Paris** on the war in Ukraine. Cristian Diaconescu announced that Romania will not participate in the meeting convened by President Emmanuel Macron.

- february 17: Crisis summit in Paris:

European leaders (n.a. – only some) met at the Paris Crisis Summit. German Chancellor Scholtz said that no dictates could be imposed on Ukraine and stressed that Europe should continue to support it. British Prime Minister Keir Starmer insisted that any agreement on the war in Ukraine must be a "**lasting peace agreement**", not just a pause for Putin to return.

European leaders meeting in Paris on Monday, February 17, called for an increase in the continent's defense spending, but remained divided on the possible deployment of peacekeeping forces in Ukraine to support a possible peace agreement. **A CNN analysis** highlighted the key concessions offered by Donald Trump to Putin (n.a. I think Trump is dominated in all respects by Putin, the Kremlin dictator plays him on his fingers. The legitimate question is, why is the manipulation so easy and what does the Kremlin rely on!¹⁶) before the meeting on the war in Ukraine: "*It's like Easter, Hanukkah, Christmas and Putin's birthday - all on the same day*"¹⁷.

¹⁶ *Istoria ascunsă a primei călătorii a lui Donald Trump la Moscova. Cum recruta KGB tineri dornici de afirmare, bani și cariere politice*, available at <https://www.digi24.ro/>

-February 18: First American-Russian meeting in recent years.

The first high-level US-Russia meeting in recent years lasted four and a half hours, and Moscow's envoys said it was “**serious**” and “**positive**.” The US delegation announced that two teams would be set up to start negotiations to stop the war in Ukraine. While the delegations led by Marco Rubio and Sergei Lavrov were discussing in Riyadh, the Russian Foreign Ministry in Moscow announced that **it wanted NATO to abandon the decision taken at the 2008 Bucharest Summit on Ukraine's accession to the Alliance** (n.a. – of course Donald Trump immediately carried out the order!).

Trump blamed Ukraine for the war with Russia and harshly criticized Zelensky for not concluding a deal with Moscow: “You should never have started the war” (n.a. - blaming the victim is an act of incredible betrayal, which discredits the US for the next 100 years, if the world still exists).

-February 19: Trump launches a series of attacks against Zelensky.

Donald Trump took to the stage again on Wednesday, February 19, with unprecedented threats: “**A dictator without elections, Zelensky had better move fast, or he will no longer have a country.**” Trump recalled Zelensky's past as an actor and accused him of “manipulating” his predecessor in the White House, Joe Biden, to enter “a war that could not be won” (n.a. Ronald Reagan was also an actor, became the most beloved American president and has his portrait in the Oval Office).

US Vice President J.D. Vance warned Zelensky the same day not to respond to Trump, saying that if he “speaks ill of” him in public, he would only turn the leader in the White House against him (n.a. in other words, shut up and swallow because we are the masters of the world).

Zelensky, however, came up with a harsh reaction after Trump's criticism: “**He lives in the space of disinformation created by Russia. The United States helped Putin get out of isolation.**”¹⁸, he accused.

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¹⁷ Sebastian Jucan, *Concesiile cheie oferite de Donald Trump lui Putin inaintea intalnirii privind razboiul din Ucraina*, available at <https://hotnews.ro/concesiile-cheie-oferite-de-donald-trump-lui-putin-inaintea-intalnirii-privind-razboiul-din-ucraina-e-ca-si-cum-ar-fi-pastele-hanuka-craciunul-si-ziua-de-nastere-a-lui-putin-toate-in-ace-1903341> accessed on 04.03.2025.

¹⁸ *Volodimir Zelenski: Donald Trump „trăiește într-un spațiu de dezinformare” creat de Rusia*, available at <https://romania.europalibera.org/a/zelenski-trump-ucraina-rusia/-33320327.html>, accessed on 04.03.2025.

- February 20: The White House continues to pressure Kiev to sign the resource agreement / Vance's new attack on Romania

Ukraine should "lower its tone, think carefully and sign this agreement" on minerals with the US, warned Mike Waltz, Donald Trump's national security adviser.

European allies criticized Trump's statements and supported Zelensky. Zelensky was "**legitimately elected**" following free and fair elections, and Ukraine is "a democracy", while President Vladimir Putin's Russia "is not", the European Commission responded to Donald Trump on Thursday, February 20.

The American president told the BBC that he was confident that Moscow (n.a !?) wants to end the war in Ukraine, and that "**the cards are in Moscow's hands**" because "**they have taken a lot of territory**" (n.a. Trump ignores the fact that Putin wants Eastern Europe first, and then the rest to the Atlantic!).

On Thursday, February 20, US Vice President J.D. Vance launched new criticism of the Romanian authorities for the decision to cancel the presidential elections, in a speech given at an event of American conservatives, and stated that, in the opinion of the Trump administration, you cannot have "common values" with Washington, a condition for good relations, "if you cancel the elections because you don't like the result" (n.a. I don't think J.D. Vance knows where Romania is on the map, he strongly supports Trump's and Putin's position).

*„Germany's entire defense is subsidized by American taxpayers. There are thousands and thousands of American troops in Germany today. Do you think taxpayers will tolerate this, if you are thrown in jail in Germany for a mean tweet? Of course they won't.”*¹⁹, J.D. Vance said at the American Conservatives conference – CPAC.

- February 21: Zelensky hints that he is willing to make a deal.

On Thursday night (February 20-21), Volodymyr Zelensky hinted that he was open to an agreement regarding the US president's proposal that Ukraine compensate the United States for the aid received (n.a. on 25.02.2025 it was announced that the text of the "agreement" had been agreed and that Zelensky would be received in the Oval Office antechamber, to be signed, which for most of the world's inhabitants means - a robbery on the highway, given that Ukraine is in the midst of war, attacked daily with fury by the Red Army of Putin, Trump's old friend).

¹⁹ *JD Vance sugerează retragerea trupelor SUA din Germania*, available at <https://www.digi24.ro/stiri/externe/jd-vance-sugereaza-retragerea-trupelor-sua-din-germania-intreaga-aparare-a-germaniei-e-subventionata-de-contribuabilul-american-3130155>, accessed on 04.03.2025.

"Economy and security must always go hand in hand," the Ukrainian president wrote on social networks, adding, however, that "the details of these agreements matter" (n.a. what else could Zelensky have done in the face of blackmail and enormous pressure from the White House!?).

Also on Friday, February 21, **Reuters** wrote, citing several sources, that American and Russian envoys have met discreetly in Switzerland in recent months, including last week, for informal talks about the war in Ukraine.

The European Commissioner for Defense, Andrius Kubilius, also said that the European Commission is discussing a major signal of support for Ukraine, to be announced on Monday (February 24), when it will be three years since Putin ordered the invasion of Ukraine.

As we all observe (with concern) since January 21, 2025, the date on which Donald Trump installed himself as king in the White House, the world has entered a frenzy in all aspects – geopolitical, economic, financial, informational and otherwise. The strengthened friendship (we could say “without limits”) between Trump and Putin generates existential concerns for European states, primarily for those in Eastern Europe, including Romania, attacked several times by US Vice President J.D. Vance, without any plausible reason.

In the coming days and weeks, Trump’s divisions and threats against the European Union and its member states (except Hungary and Slovakia) will deepen. So far, dozens of messages, threats, acts of blackmail and other actions not yet known to the public have been issued. New acts of hostility against many states, including Canada and the countries of South America, will certainly follow.

We, Romanians, should be on high alert and quickly find solutions, as we have done in the last 2500 years, in order to survive the assault of the two empires and their allies in Europe, well known from the history of the last 300 years!

Global scene²⁰ (almost full playback)

There is a major, acute change in the United States, not seen since Ronald Reagan. The surest word for what is happening there is revolution.

Global scene

And, last but not least, foreign policy. The worldview is changing. First of all, America is no longer an “indispensable nation” – peace Madeleine Albright! -, it no longer modifies the world “in its own image and likeness”, it no longer “transforms” it, it does not make it “better” (n.a.

²⁰ Dungaciu Dan, *E vremea deciziilor, nu a lașității strategice*, available at <https://adevarul.ro/blogurile-adevarul/dan-dungaciu-e-vremea-deciziilor-nu-a-lasitatii-2424494.html>, accessed on 04.03.2025.

after the alliance with Putin's Russia – it makes it much worse!), but lets it function as it is. With one condition – it does not affect the interests of the USA and, possibly, bring it advantages! (n.a. – like in Ukraine!).

Secondly, we are in the era of “great power competition”. Marco Rubio, the Secretary of State, said it in his first speech. Attention: without ever mentioning the phrase “European Union”! Brussels is not there, it is not in the picture, I don't care, it is neither “great” nor “power”. And assuming this reality requires a change of vision, a change of concepts.

NATO will be put to a severe test, and this explains much of what is unfolding before our eyes, despite some sighs or gasps that haunt the corridors of power in European capitals.

Thirdly, Trump's major goal is to become the most important American president in the last 100 years (at least)! To do this, he will put into motion his two instincts that work flawlessly: no war and, at the same time, nuclear arms control.

4. Europe/EU

What will Europe do? Ukraine and Russia are security problems for it, hence the incomparably greater pressure on Brussels than on Washington.

As was recently seen in Washington, Brussels has no solutions, it does not even have the courage to openly retaliate against Trump! (it is a bit difficult for Europe to oppose the evil Putin-Trump alliance!).

Paradoxically, apparently the Americans would not mind at all if the words of the Europeans turned into deeds. That is, they would militarily assume the issue of Ukraine, compensate for America's withdrawal from the file and fight with Russia, for their own emancipation, putting an end to European defeats (one French by Napoleon, another German by Hitler) on the endless and merciless steppes of Russia. **But like everyone else, despite some zealots who have never smelled a military uniform,** let alone a war, the Trump administration knows that this is not possible.

In reality, Europe does not matter one iota in the security issue. It is neither "great" nor "power".

In the medium term, however, Europe will emerge from this file badly wrinkled, with its political-strategic "roof" seriously damaged.

5. Romania

As for Romania, it missed the US elections because it kept its eyes strictly on the mainstream media. The election of Donald Trump – which it had no way of understanding from there – stunned it and paralyzed its movements. It had put its eggs in one basket: the Biden administration! The problem is that, still keeping its eyes on the same media (practically of little relevance if you want to truly understand America today), it risks missing out on the post-electoral revolution that Trump is bringing.

Torn in two (geo)politically, without a president and under the specter of elections after which, as things stand today, developments will look bad anyway, regardless of the result, **Bucharest is improvising and, at best, doing maintenance.** When Cotroceni communicates “strategically” differently from Victoria Palace, on fundamental issues, the essential question is not “who sells you and to whom”, but: Who are you Romania, what vision do you have and what is your plan for the country? If you cannot define yourself strategically, you cannot ask others to do it for you. Before entering - supposedly - the sphere of influence of some or the other, Romania must urgently exit the sphere of influence of its own strategic incompetence and indecision.

In conclusion, difficult times lie ahead for Europe and Romania!



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