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## Exaggerating Magyar's meaning for Europe



It's an exaggeration to say that everything in Hungary had to change so that everything could stay the same, but that's one of the messages of Czech politicians and commentators who were pulling for Viktor Orbán in the parliamentary elections on Sun. and who now must make do with Péter Magyar. They see him hopefully as just a cleaner, more EU-friendly version of Orbán. Those in the other camp are also exaggerating the impact of the elections by prophesying the rescue of Europe and a more-constructive, united era. What remains open is what the "historic" Hungarian elections will actually mean for the real issues facing Europe. These include two wars (Ukraine and Iran), impending energy shortages due to these wars and to environmental policy, deindustrialization, migration and debt of historic proportions. These issues aren't going away, regardless of how EU-oriented Magyar turns out to be. All he can likely do is decide to which degree Hungarians are going to follow the EU down its chosen path.

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