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THE MAJORITY STOPS ON THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL DOCUMENT

During the Thursday session, **the Chamber of Deputies rejected the majority resolution approving the budget variance of 3.4 billion in 2023 and 4.5 billion in 2024.** An absolute majority was required for approval, i.e. 201 votes. This result brought confusion among the ruling center-right coalition, which lost for only 6 votes. **Premier Meloni said that it was a failure for the Cabinet and appealed for everyone's responsibility.**

Anyway, according to President Meloni, it was not a political maneuver: she summoned the Council of Ministers (which lasted only 5 minutes) right away, at the end of which the new Relation on the budget variance was tabled. The opposition took the chance to lambast the Cabinet: president of Deputies of Democratic Party Chiara Braga spoke of *"failure of majority of the most important political act"*, while 5-Star Movement's MP Francesco Silvestri accused the Premier of being **incompetent**.

However, the Chamber of Deputies approved the Document **on the morning of Friday 28, while the Senate made its part the same day during the afternoon.**

ESCAPING FROM DEMOCRATIC PARTY



After Andrea Marcucci's goodbye (a Senator very close to former Premier Matteo Renzi), in the last days two other MPs announced their **departure from PD: Senator Enrico Borghi and MEP Caterina Chinnici**. Borghi's choice to enter Italia Viva is due to the Schlein's strategy, representing "**a genetic mutation: from a reformist party to a left maximalist one**".

Chinnici's departure was even more meaningful from a politic point of view: the MEP, **who challenged a few months ago FI member Renato Schifani for the Sicilian Region Presidency, is going to enter Forza Italia itself**.

A true wake-up call for new Secretary Elly Schlein; in fact, her approach is not valued by the moderate part of PD, and could lead to new exits. Italia Viva's leader Matteo Renzi commented thus on Borghi's entry: "*I don't know who's next, but I'm sure he won't be last*".

DI MAIO IS THE NEW SPECIAL ENVOY IN THE PERSIAN GULF

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and 5-Star Movement leader **Luigi Di Maio will be the new EU special Envoy in the Gulf**. The appointment was communicated by the High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security policy Josep Borrel and ratified by the Political and Security Committee. In order to become definitive, it must be now ratified by the European Council (however, it should be just a formality), and Di Maio should take office on next 1 June.

The appointment caused **several criticisms** from the Italian political parties. According to the **League**, it is a shameful choice, while Minister of Foreign Affairs **Tajani** spoke about "*a legitimate choice, but not shared by the Cabinet*"; however, **Italy did not raise objections during the ratifying procedure**.

NRRP, FITTO REPORTS TO PARLIAMENT

As anticipated in the last few weeks, **Fitto, who is the competent Minister for NRRP, reported to Parliament on the status quo of NRRP's investments**. About the **third tranche** of 19 million, which allocation from EU is still in stand-by, Fitto said that "**the Cabinet is going to file other documents, always dialoguing with EU Commission in order to reach our goal**".

The Minister admits that "**there are some obstacles, but not too dangerous**. We are striving in order to achieve the 27 goals expiring on 30 June, and there is the need to correct some intermediate goals while maintaining the final target. With a view to the 30 June expiration, **it is necessary to understand for how many measures is impossible to comply with the 30 June expiration, in order to implement the measure by the end of the period**".

Fitto ensures that **on May the Cabinet is going to table a Report** containing a complete valuation on the NRRP, "*in order to start a dialogue on the critical issues*".

NEW STABILITY AND GROWTH PACT, HOW THE RULES CHANGE

The new Stability Pact tabled by the EU Commission may enter into force by the beginning of 2024. According to Valdis Dombrovskis, Deputy President of the Commission, **these new rules foster Italy**, which requests more freedom in order to reduce the public debt. However, **numbers are still dangerous: the Italian Cabinet should cut 0.86% of GDP, i.e. 14-15 million every year**. In a 7-year horizon, it should be 8 billion every year. Minister **Giorgetti** stated that "*the new Pact asks for a serious spending review, including investments*".

There are now concerns about the reforms on pension and personal income tax, announced by the Cabinet, because may be necessary to sacrifice other spending chapters, **including the Citizenship Income**. However, Brussels asks for a definitive reform by the end of the year, in order to kick off negotiations on the four-year recovery plans with the states by April. A question remains: **how much will this reform cost to Italy?**

DEATH OF SENATOR ANDREA AUGELLO



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On Friday evening, Brothers of Italy's Senator Andrea Augello passed away. He was Deputy President of 6th Committee for Finace and was ill for a long time. **The condolences came from all political parties.** President **Meloni** expressed her grief on social media: *"Andrea Augello, a Fdl Senator, left us. He was a skillful politician and an intelligent and funny man. We will miss him very much. Our condolences go to his family, his daughters, and to everyone who loved him. Goodbye, Andrea"*.

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