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**ORBAN'S GAMBIT TO REVIVE HIS ELECTION HOPES: A BATTLE AGAINST THE EU**

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Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán has decided a showdown with Brussels is exactly what his flagging election campaign needs.

Orbán is on the back foot at home □ trailing his rival Péter Magyar by some 8 percentage points in polls ahead of the April 12 election. So hes gone on the attack against two of his favorite bogeymen abroad: Brussels and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

In doing so hes trying to set a trap for Magyar, the 44-year-old member of the European Parliament who is on track to beat him.

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