
EU BETS ON DIPLOMACY, NOT BLOCKING STATUTE, TO PROTECT ICC FROM TRUMP SANCTIONS

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The EU is shying away from triggering rules that would shield people and companies working at or with the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague from US sanctions, preferring instead months-long diplomatic outreach.

The European Commission on Wednesday (14 October) told reporters in Brussels that it was doing everything to seek practical solutions, while hoping that its diplomacy will help the court, which prosecutes people for war crimes, genocide, and other atrocities.

We havent made any decisions yet. But we continue to discuss at every level, said a commission spokesperson, when pressed on whether a little-known blocking statue, which would presumably damper the impact of the US sanctions, remains an option.

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