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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S GENDER EQUALITY DRIVE THWARTED BY THE RIGHT WING

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Theres been a marked decline in women MEPs in the European Conservatives and Reformists group of Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni.

The new European Parliament hasnt only tilted right-wing, its also even more male-dominated.

Only 277 of the new Parliaments 719 confirmed EU lawmakers are women: 38.5 percent, down from about 40 percent in the previous hemicycle. Its the first-ever decline in the proportion of women in the Parliament, which had been on a consistent upward trajectory since 1979.

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