



## You thought all the troubles are in the UK?

Ah non, mon ami. Ach nein, mein Freund

**You think we're having problems in the UK?  
It's no bed of roses in the EU either.**



**Strikes, fuel outages, cancelled flights, food shortages, rampant inflation, shortages of migrant workers, government rows, high unemployment, banking crisis, plunging currency, and more.**

**Oh, and yesterday Emmanuel Macron bypassed his parliament and effectively ruled by decree.**

**CIBUK (<https://cibuk.org/>)** – the longest-established organisation for independence, freedom and democracy in the UK – with its affiliate **Facts4EU** – focuses on the political tensions now erupting across the EU. Today we focus on the French government's attempts to deal with the mounting tide of social and economic chaos now ripping through the country.

### **1. Emperor Emmanuel is forced to bypass his parliament and impose his will**

**President Emmanuel Macron's government on Wednesday sought to ram its 2023 budget through parliament without a vote after battling in vain to get it approved by the fractured lower house of parliament.**

- Just six months since his re-election, his government's proposed budget lay in tatters.
- Thousands of amendments to it had been tabled in the French parliament, L'Assemblée Nationale, and the government lost all the votes on the early ones considered.
- Undaunted, President Macron tore up his election pledge to work inclusively with the parliament and '**went nucléaire**'. He instructed that Clause 49.3 of the French constitution be invoked.
- De facto, Macron's budget will be rammed through the French parliament without a vote, whether the *Deputés* like it or not.

## 2. Strong parliamentary protests resulted, but all in vain

Below are just some of the comments yesterday about Macron's behaviour from elected French MPs.

***"Macronism has become a form of authoritarianism"***

- Mathilde Panot, Député, France Unbowed (LFI)

***"Parliament's work has been swept away in a few hours"***

- Cyrielle Chatelain, Député, Greens

## 3. French fuel outages and food shortages

- All of the above took place against a backdrop of strikes by French fuel depot drivers. These have resulted in petrol pumps running dry across France.
- Below we show a photo of French supermarket shelves, empty because of the problems of re-supply, courtesy of Facts4EU.Org's France correspondent.



## 4. "The EU - Snapshots of a disintegrating, dysfunctional dream"

- The problems in the EU are now so legion we have to separate them into separate reports.
- Today's report is confined to France's political problems, but please see our 'Observations' below for how we intend to cover **all the EU's other serious problems**, and how these relate to the UK.

# **OBSERVATIONS**

**In light of recent events across Europe, it has never been more important to rebut the claims of those who would wish the UK to re-join the EU.**

Strikes, fuel outages, cancelled flights, food shortages, rampant inflation, shortages of migrant workers, government rows, EU divisions, high unemployment, banking crisis, plunging currency, and more. **All this is taking place in the EU.**

On top of all this, the annual French-German talks planned for next week are off, the EU's Common Defence Policy didn't survive its first contact with the enemy, Schengen has been shattered, and the Single Market is effectively dead.

**With a growing list of Remainer-Rejoiners now filling the empty seats around the Cabinet table at Number 10, it is vital that the reality of life in the EU is brought to people's attention.**

**The fightback begins now.**

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