



By [European Interest](#) March 24, 2026

Financial Times reports US warned EU to accept customs agreement if it wants access to LNG



The European Parliament is expected to vote on Thursday on the tariff agreement reached by US President Donald Trump and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen during their July 2025 meeting at Turnberry, Scotland.

The United States has formally communicated to the European Union the potential consequences of not accepting a customs agreement, specifically highlighting the risk of losing advantageous access to liquefied natural gas (LNG). The Financial Times reported following a discussion with the US Ambassador to the EU, **Andrew Puzder**.

The European Parliament is expected to vote on Thursday on the tariff agreement reached by US President **Donald Trump** and European Commission President **Ursula von der Leyen** during their July 2025 meeting at Turnberry, Scotland. As part of this agreement, the EU has pledged to reduce tariffs on specific agricultural imports from the United States.

Furthermore, the Financial Times noted that the accord entails the EU's commitment to purchase US energy resources valued at \$750 billion by 2028, encompassing LNG, oil, and civilian nuclear technologies. Ambassador Puzder emphasised to the publication that the energy component of the trade deal could be jeopardised if the EU attempts to modify any other terms of the agreement. He stated that if the agreement is not executed as planned, both parties may find themselves starting anew.

While the United States would still be interested in conducting business with Europe, Ambassador Puzder indicated that the terms might not remain as favourable, and the overall environment for negotiations could shift due to the presence of alternative buyers.

It is important to note that the upcoming vote by the European Parliament does not finalise the EU's acceptance of the agreement. If the Parliament votes in favour, negotiations will proceed among the Parliament, member states within the Council, and the European Commission to finalise the agreement.



[Explore more](#)

[Hungarian foreign minister admits updating Russian Lavrov during key EU meetings](#)

[EU-Australia free trade pact signed, and a new defence partnership on the way](#)

[Brussels has a sanctions problem – and it's not going away](#)

[Far-right leaders in Budapest to back Orbán's authoritarian regime ahead of April's crucial elections](#)

[EU-Mercosur free trade deal will begin on 1 May, linking 700 million people](#)

[Slovenia's president calls for negotiations on future coalition government as soon as possible](#)

European Interest is an online news and feature publication that covers political, social and cultural topics of European interest.

European Interest is a source available in Factiva, a leading business intelligence platform and renowned global collection of licensed news, web content and company data. Factiva has 33,000 sources from nearly every country worldwide, in 29 languages, and is owned by Dow Jones, publisher of The Wall Street Journal.

Company
[About Us](#)
[Contact Us](#)

The latest
[Hungarian foreign minister admits updating Russian Lavrov during key EU meetings](#)
[EU-Australia free trade pact signed, and a new defence partnership on the way](#)
[Brussels has a sanctions problem – and it's not going away](#)

Subscribe

[I WANT IN →](#)

I've read and accept the [Privacy Policy](#).