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Born out of crisis: the new Italian government of MoVimento 5 Stelle and Lega and its impact on the European Union

The results of the Italian parliamentary elections of March 4th, 2018, triggered lasting uncertainty in the European Union: initially, because of unclear majorities that resulted in three months of a “hung parliament” until the formation of the new government, and subsequently because of the political course of the new coalition between Five Stars Movement and League. The lecture analyses the election results, their background, and the twisting path to a new government. It examines the government parties’ coalition agreement from a European perspective and the personnel composition of the new Italian government. On that basis, it will be discussed the challenges for the European Union in relation to the new Italian government.