

# CHECKMATE: RUSSIA PLAYS GAMES WITH THE WEST

With populism on the march across Europe and the United States, Russia stands to benefit from the chaos and disorder left in its wake. From Brexit to the U.S. presidential contest, and recent elections in Bulgaria and Moldova, the Kremlin has already begun to capitalize on this shift in Western politics. As Europe prepares for key elections in the year ahead, voters will face a choice: reverse this trend or hasten the fragmentation of the West and its institutions.

