

Musk Will Face Consequences for Meddling in German Politics, Warns Likely Leader

Friedrich Merz also says he is a trans-Atlanticist but won't shy away from conflict if the Trump administration wants it

NEUBRANDENBURG, Germany—The man likely to become Germany's next leader warned that [Elon Musk](#) would face consequences for boosting the far-right Alternative for Germany, or AfD, through his X social-media platform.

“What happened in this election campaign cannot go unchallenged,” Friedrich Merz, the front-runner in polls ahead of the Feb. 23 election, told The Wall Street Journal, referring to what he sees as Musk's interference in Germany's election.

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