

# Russia Returns to the Council of Europe. And the Kremlin Puts the Squeeze on Georgia as 'Anti-Russian' Protests Continue in Tbilisi

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— Five years after it was expelled for annexing Crimea, Russia has been admitted back onto the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. And not everyone is happy about it. We speak to Bloomberg columnist [Leonid Bershidsky](#) about how the decision has divided European allies and delighted Russia.

— A decade after Russia and Georgia fought a 5-day war, ties between the countries are at a historic low following a dramatic week of protests, resignations and sanctions. We talk to [Thomas de Waal](#) of the Carnegie think tank about why Vladimir Putin is lashing out at Georgia.

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