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In a highly anticipated broadcast of On the Record with Christian Briggs, economist and market commentator Christian Briggs detailed the massive financial architecture shifts currently unfolding across the European Union. Highlighting recent European Parliament advancements toward a retail digital euro and the strict enforcement of the Markets in Crypto Assets (MiCA) regulation, Mr. Briggs warns that what was once dismissed as a monetary "conspiracy theory" has rapidly transitioned from academic concept to full-scale infrastructure deployment.

Briggs emphasizes that these legislative milestones represent much more than standard technological upgrades; they represent a fundamental, strategic shift in national security, geopolitical competition, and global monetary sovereignty.

Key insights highlighted in the recent On the Record broadcast include:

• The Transition from Theory to Infrastructure: Nearly every major global central bank is actively moving beyond research phases into active digital currency testing and implementation.

• Parallel Tracks Re-Shaping Competition: While the EU constructs the official digital euro infrastructure, it is concurrently using MiCA regulations to heavily restrict alternative digital assets, notably forcing major exchanges to limit or drop widely used stablecoins like Tether (USDT).

• The Programmability of Money: Mr. Briggs outlines the long-term societal and policy ramifications of programmable, centralized digital assets, urging citizens to evaluate these institutional designs based on the authority they grant to future administrations.

• A Historical Lens on Financial Reset: Drawing parallels to historical monetary resets in economies like Venezuela and Zimbabwe, Briggs explains that systemic transitions are rarely announced overnight; they are meticulously constructed over years via incremental regulatory adjustments.

"Major monetary changes rarely arrive all at once," said Christian Briggs. "They develop gradually enough that each individual step appears reasonable, even routine. But by the time people recognize the cumulative effect of those decisions, the financial landscape has already changed substantially. This isn't a technical conversation, it is a critical discussion about the future relationship between citizens, governments, and economic freedom."

Investors, policymakers, and citizens are encouraged to view the full, detailed breakdown of these global monetary trends.

The full episode, "THEY SAID CBDCs WERE A CONSPIRACY — NOW EUROPE JUST MADE ITS BIGGEST MOVE YET," is available to watch directly on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cMgEYEplM2A

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