

# Daily Meta Ads Intelligence Report

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## SECTION 1 — DAILY META ADS BRIEFING

### Algorithm & Delivery Updates

- **Outcome-Based Optimisation Rollout** — Meta has shifted from auction-based to outcome-based optimisation, predicting downstream conversions across the entire customer journey. Advertisers are reporting CPM increases of 15–40%, CPA deterioration, and ROAS declines in retail, lead gen, and e-commerce. **[IMPACT: HIGH]**
- **50-Event Weekly Threshold** — Campaigns generating fewer than 50 weekly optimisation events have lost significant algorithmic priority. Under-scaled campaigns are being starved of delivery. **[IMPACT: HIGH]**
- **Link-Click Attribution Redefined** — Meta now counts only actual link clicks. Non-link interactions (reactions, comments, shares, profile clicks) are categorised separately as 'engage-through attribution.' Reported metrics will change for many accounts. **[IMPACT: MEDIUM]**
- **Video Engaged-View Threshold Drops** — The engaged-view threshold for video ads dropped from 10 seconds to 5 seconds. Engaged-view metrics will inflate in reporting — benchmarks need recalibrating. **[IMPACT: MEDIUM]**

### Policy & FAQ Changes

- **Misleading Claims Enforcement Escalation** — March 2026 marks a major enforcement step-up. Health, wellness, and beauty advertisers are reporting disapproval rates up an estimated 34% vs Q4 2025. Three new enforcement mechanisms are now live:
  - *Semantic intent detection: Meta evaluates implied meaning, not just literal phrasing. A headline like 'See results in 7 days' + before/after image is now a misleading claim.*
  - *Cross-asset correlation: Ad text, landing page content, and image metadata reviewed together as a single compliance unit. A compliant ad + non-compliant landing page = ad rejected.*
  - *Retroactive auditing: Active campaigns are now subject to ongoing policy audits. An ad approved in January 2026 can be paused in March.*
- **Cryptocurrency Advertising Tiers** — Meta has introduced a tiered approval system for crypto advertising, requiring additional documentation for certain asset classes. **[IMPACT: MEDIUM]**
- **Blood Sugar & Diabetes Claim Restrictions** — New restrictions on blood sugar and diabetes-related claims in health advertising. Any implied regulatory or clinical claim now triggers enhanced review. **[IMPACT: MEDIUM]**
- **EU Political Ad Ban Imminent** — Meta will ban all political, electoral, and social issue ads across EU27 under the EU's Transparency and Targeting of Political Advertising Act. Advertisers running issue-based campaigns in Europe should act immediately. **[IMPACT: HIGH]**
- **Location Fees for Digital Service Taxes** — From April 2026, Meta adds Location Fees to ad spend: Austria 5%, France 3%, Italy 3%, Spain 3%, Turkey 5%, UK 2%. Fees are based on where ads are shown, not where the advertiser is based. **[IMPACT: MEDIUM]**

### New Features & Tools

- **Advantage+ AI Dubbing** — Video ads can now be automatically translated and re-dubbed into multiple languages inside Ads Manager, reducing multi-language production costs by an estimated 60–80%.

- **AI Background Music Generator** — Ads Manager generates original, copyright-free background music matched to the visual tone and pacing of your video ad.
- **Persona-Based Image Generation** — Advantage+ now generates on-brand creative variations at scale using persona-based inputs directly within Ads Manager.
- **Manus AI Integration** — Meta has added Manus AI shortcuts inside Ads Manager (Audiences section), Instagram, Instagram Creator Marketplace, and WhatsApp Business.
- **WhatsApp Status Ad Placement Expanding** — WhatsApp Status placement rolling out more widely. Activates automatically in Traffic campaigns with Advantage+ Placements enabled.
- **Threads App Ads Now Global** — Threads (400M+ monthly users) now supports App Ads globally via the Marketing API. No new creatives required.
- **Ad Format Consolidation** — Meta is phasing out separate Flexible/Single/Carousel/Collection selectors in favour of a unified 'Uploaded Media + Format Display' system, dynamically served by AI.
- **CTA Button Behaviour Change** — Adding a CTA in Ads Manager to an existing Page post no longer updates the original post. The CTA appears only in the ad.

## Performance Insights & Best Practices

- **Creative is Now the Targeting Mechanism** — Under outcome-based optimisation, Meta's algorithm handles audience selection. The creative is now the primary targeting lever. Creative testing is the core performance discipline.
- **UGC-Style Content Continues to Lead** — Native-style creative (UGC, founder content, behind-the-scenes) outperforms polished studio production across cold, retargeting, and retention campaigns.
- **Static Images Still Drive 60–70% of Conversions** — Despite the video emphasis, static images remain the conversion workhorses on Meta. Start with static before investing in video production.
- **Hook in the First 2 Seconds is Non-Negotiable** — Best-performing Reels/Stories ads lead with a visual hook in the first 2 seconds. Majority of feed video plays without sound — the hook must be visual.
- **Simplified 2-Campaign Structure** — Fewer campaigns, fewer ad sets, more creative variation per ad set. Consolidation helps hit the 50-event weekly threshold.
- **Refresh Creative Every 2–3 Weeks** — Ad fatigue is accelerating under the new delivery system. Regular refreshes maintain stronger algorithmic priority.
- **Vertical, Native-Format Video for Reels** — Vertical raw content that looks like an organic story or Reel post consistently outperforms landscape/square formats in Reels placements.

## Platform News Affecting Advertisers

- **Threads Hits 400M Monthly Users** — With global App Ads now live via the Marketing API, Threads is an underpriced inventory opportunity before competition drives CPMs up.
- **Meta EU Political Ad Restrictions** — EU27 ban approaching. Agencies and brands running advocacy or awareness campaigns in Europe should audit campaigns for social issue categorisation now.
- **Advantage+ Becoming the Default** — Meta has made Advantage+ the default for new campaigns. Manual targeting still exists but requires extra steps. Review new campaign settings carefully.

## SECTION 2 — URGENT ACTION ITEMS

### ⚠️ **Audit landing pages for cross-asset compliance NOW.**

Meta reviews landing pages alongside ad creative as a single compliance unit. Any non-compliant landing page element (aggressive claims, unsubstantiated testimonials, before/after imagery) will cause ad disapproval even if the ad copy is clean. Critical for health, wellness, and beauty advertisers.

**⚠ Consolidate campaigns to hit the 50-event weekly threshold.**

Fragmented campaigns with low event volume are losing delivery under outcome-based optimisation. Merge underperforming campaigns and concentrate event volume into your strongest performers.

**⚠ EU/DST advertisers: act before April.**

The Meta political ad ban in EU27 is imminent — review any campaigns flagged as social issue, electoral, or political. Location Fees (2–5% by country) take effect April 2026 — recalculate CPAs and budgets for UK, France, Italy, Spain, Austria, and Turkey immediately.

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