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## **THEATER OR ZELENSKY? HOW MACRON KEEPS FAILING TO LEAD EUROPEAN RESPONSE TO UKRAINE WAR**

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When Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy traveled to Western Europe last week to drum up support for his countrys fight against Russia, he made a last-minute stopover in Paris.

French President Emmanuel Macron was lucky to get the nod.

Macrons attitude toward Ukraines war effort has frequently proved inscrutable to allies who wonder why France seemed to be hedging its bets by pursuing dialogue with Russian President Vladimir Putin and touting the need for security guarantees for Moscow.

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