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## VON DER LEYEN'S NON-CAMPAIGN KICKS OFF

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*The European Commission president will likely leave much unsaid in her State of the Union address — including whether or not she plans to stand for another term.*

Make no mistake about it: Ursula von der Leyens State of the European Union speech is the kickoff of her campaign to lead the next European Commission.

On Wednesday, von der Leyen will bask in the trappings of incumbency in the Strasbourg Parliament hemicycle when she delivers her annual address. Shes already been boasting that her Commission has implemented 92 percent of its pledges. Yet the reality is that her topsy-turvy coalition of frenemies could easily crumble.

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