
VON DER LEYEN'S FIRST 100 DAYS, GRADED

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Ursula von der Leyen is rounding out the first 100 days of her second term in office □ and what a whirlwind it's been.

Since the European Commission president won a second mandate, Donald Trump's return to the White House in the United States has upended the transatlantic relationship, calling into question the existence of NATO as well as U.S. support for Ukraine in its defensive war against Russia.

The pressure coming from Washington □ which has threatened the EU with 25 percent tariffs and warned it may not defend countries that fail to spend enough on defense □ has forced the Commission to speed up work on reforms designed to bolster the bloc's defenses and make it more competitive on the global stage.

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