
**THIS WEEK: CANADA'S CARNEY ATTENDS VON DER LEYEN'S STATE OF THE UNION, AS
NEW TALKS ON RUSSIAN FROZEN ASSETS FOR UKRAINE RETURN TO EU AGENDA**

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EU Commission president Ursula von der Leyen will lay out her vision of the state of the European Union in her annual speech on Wednesday (16 September) in the European Parliament in Brussels.

In a sign of deepening ties with the EU, amid Ottawas split with Washington, Canadian prime minister Mark Carney will attend as a guest of honour and then deliver his own address to MEPs on Thursday (17 September).

This visit comes ahead of an EU-Canada summit at the end of October and amid the escalating trade war between Canada and the US, after the Trump administration imposed duties of up to 50-percent on Canadian products worth roughly \$20bn [████████] and Ottawas responded with counter-tariffs.

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