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Divisions over energy prices and the blocs seven-year budget expose unhappiness over European Council presidents performance.

António Costa is supposed to be the dealmaker who brings European leaders together. Increasingly, his efforts are going unrewarded.

At a summit of the blocs national leaders on Thursday, Costa — who, unlike most of the EUs current big beasts, is a Socialist — has his most stinging criticism since taking the role of European Council president nearly two years ago. The ire centered on his handling of unrelated negotiations over curbing energy prices and the EUs next seven-year budget.

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