
ANGELA MERKEL'S LAST EU COUNCIL PRESIDENCY — WHAT TO EXPECT

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"It is no exaggeration to say that we are facing the greatest economic challenge in the history of the European Union," Angela Merkel recently said, knowing that Germany's six-month stint as president of the Council of the European Union begins on July 1.

Overcoming the problems facing the bloc □ and facing Merkel who will not stand for re-election as chancellor next year — is already looking like mission impossible.

The EU will have to contend with a debilitating pandemic that's also severely harming the world's economic health, all while trying to rekindle excitement for the shared European project. If all goes to schedule, □ which is never guaranteed □ Brexit, the exit of the EU's third-largest member and the economy will be finalized on Germany's watch.

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