
TOO MUCH EVEN FOR MERKEL: EUROPE'S 2020 PILE-UP

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This time, even Mutti couldnt make everything better.

For much of the past decade and a half, the EU could generally count on German Chancellor Angela Merkel to come to the rescue. But between the coronavirus pandemic, the dragged-out Brexit talks, a budget stalemate, and an array of geopolitical tensions especially in the Eastern Mediterranean, the year 2020 has turned into such a hellscape of policy problems, even Europes steady-handed matriarch has found herself outmatched.

Many of these problems come crashing together Thursday and Friday at the European Councils summit, the final regularly-scheduled gathering of the 27 heads of state and government during Germanys presidency of the Council of the EU.

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