
URSULA VON DER LEYEN'S REELECTION CAMPAIGN GETS OFF TO A BUMPY START

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Ursula von der Leyen hasnt named a campaign director yet to lead her bid for a second term at the head of the EU executive — but campaign hostilities have already started.

Only days after a nod from her conservative camp to be their lead candidate in Junes Europe-wide election, she already ward off two significant challenges from would-be allies.

Such attacks represent a rough start to campaigning for a Commission chief who has managed □ and, many would argue, thrived □ to distance herself in her 9-to-5 from everyday politics as she led the blocs response to the Covid-19 pandemic, economic crisis, and Russias invasion of Ukraine. Her quasi-regal style has even earned her the somewhat affectionate moniker Queen von der Leyen among Brussels insiders.

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