
EU-CHINA TIES AT 'INFLECTION POINT', VON DER LEYEN SAYS AFTER TENSE BEIJING SUMMIT

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EU-China trade ties have hit a "clear inflection point," European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said on Thursday in Beijing, capping a tense summit with top Chinese leaders dominated by concerns on commerce and the Ukraine war.

Expectations were low for the summit in the Chinese capital marking 50 years of diplomatic ties after weeks of escalating tension and wrangling that led to the duration being abruptly halved to a single day at Beijing's request.

"We have very frankly and openly raised our concerns...on the trade, investment and geopolitical issues... We have partially identified solutions," von der Leyen told a press conference after meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Qiang.

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