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## THE CRISIS CORPS RUNNING THE EU

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*From dealing with U.S. President Donald Trump to turning around industrial decline, the Coreper II bunker has come into its own.*

When the EU faces a crisis, the lights go on in an ultra-secure room deep in a building in Brussels that hosts the European Council. Over the past year, theyve been switched on more frequently than ever as the blocs 27 government envoys take the rudder.

The suite of rooms, including a bunker in the basement designed to prevent surveillance, is the meeting place for EU ambassadors who are playing a greater role than theyve done before in deciding the blocs response to the biggest challenges of our time. From Donald Trumps threats to take over Greenland and his imposition of import tariffs to the conflicts in Gaza and Ukraine, the possibility of strikes on Iran and broader concerns about Europes economy, this formation of the most powerful national representatives permanently in Brussels is coming into its own.

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