
FRIEDRICH MERZ WANTS A US TRADE DEAL WITHIN DAYS. THE EU FEARS IT WILL BE A BAD ONE.

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German Chancellor Friedrich Merz is demanding that Brussels strike a trade deal with the United States within days, as concerns grow that the EU will end up with an unbalanced agreement that only benefits Donald Trump.

Pushing the issue onto the agenda of Thursdays EU leaders summit, Merz this week slammed the European Commissions negotiating strategy as far too complicated. He called for greater urgency and focus in dealing with the U.S. president □□ demand he said he would put to other EU leaders together with Frances Emmanuel Macron and Italys Giorgia Meloni.

Leaders are impatiently awaiting an update from the EU executive over dinner on its talks with the Trump administration □ just as concerns mount across the bloc that all goods might be hit with a reciprocal 50 percent tariff as soon as July 9 should Brussels and Washington fail to strike a deal.

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