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## COMMISSION REBELLION PUSHES VON DER LEYEN TO DILUTE BUDGET PLAN

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The threat of internal revolt in the European Commission has pushed its president to back down and promise more money to poor regions than previously intended when she presents her plan for the EUs seven-year budget on Wednesday.

According to a document seen by POLITICO, Ursula von der Leyen has delivered a series of last-minute concessions in an effort to placate two of her team at opposite ends of the political spectrum — Italys right-wing Raffaele Fitto and Romanian socialist Roxana Mînzatu.

Von der Leyens about-turn is a signal of the delicate tightrope she must walk to keep the competing voices of her Commission onside, while also delivering a spending plan that will work for the increasingly unruly European Parliament and 27 national governments, all of which must approve the budget before the end of 2027.

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