
EUROPE WAR-GAMES LIFE AFTER MERZ

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The German chancellor's foes at home are rejoicing at his political downturn. But those in Brussels aren't.

The EU cant pretend Friedrich Merz isnt in trouble any longer.

After a string of humiliating election losses where the far right has made historic gains and an internal fight with his own coalition over social care policy, EU partners are starting to plan for the prospect that the German chancellor could be ousted □ or at least distracted □ in the crucial coming months, according to five diplomats and officials who spoke to POLITICO. They were granted anonymity to discuss the sensitive talks.

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