
EU LEADERS GATHER TO TALK ENERGY CRISIS, CHINA AND BUDGET

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Thursdays talks span demands for cheaper energy, stronger protection for European industry and a widening divide over the blocs spending priorities.

This European Council was meant to move the bloc closer to getting a deal on the blocs next seven-year budget. Instead, leaders face two days of talks ranging from energy prices and trade with China to Ukraine, maritime security and migration.

The budget debate remains a test for European Council President António Costa. Capitals have softened their commitment to a December deadline for a deal as the warring camps remain miles apart.

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