
VON DER LEYEN BUILDS BONFIRE OF EU'S ENVIRONMENTAL RED TAPE

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Two months into her second term, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen is gearing up to set fire to reams of environmental red tape that she played a central role in crafting.

Slashing regulation is one of the mantras of the new Commission as Europe's beleaguered industries – rapidly falling behind their American and Chinese rivals – appeal to Brussels to lighten the EU's notoriously heavy regulatory load.

On Wednesday the European Commission will present a broad framework of objectives, collectively named the competitive compass, intended as a strategic shift to catalyze business. One of its first concrete measures will be an "unprecedented simplification effort," to be presented next month.

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