
SUN SETS ON MACRON AS EUROPE'S VISIONARY-IN-CHIEF

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Frances Emmanuel Macron will arrive in Brussels for a key European Council meeting Thursday with his reputation as the continents idea man long gone and replaced by a new one: chief party pooper.

As European Union leaders gather to game-plan in the face of existential crises ranging from combatting the rise of the far right to preventing a bad Trump-Putin deal on Ukraine, they can no longer rely on Macrons grandiose ideas.

Conversations with 10 diplomats and officials from across the European Union, all of whom were granted anonymity to candidly discuss the French presidents political fortunes, suggest the 47-year-old centrists domestic troubles and focus on his legacy have made him an obstacle to progress rather than a motor of it.

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