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## IRAN CRISIS PUTS EU FOREIGN POLICY TURF WAR BACK IN SPOTLIGHT

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*The EUs top leadership is responding in parallel rather than tandem □ as the bloc scrambles to find a united front.*

The EUs response to U.S. and Israeli strikes on Iran has laid bare familiar divisions at the top, with two of its most senior officials on a collision course over who coordinates the blocs reaction to the crisis.

In the early hours of Saturday morning, as smoke rose over Tehran, Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and European Council President António Costa raced to set the tone of the response with a joint statement calling for maximum restraint. But they were beaten to it by the EUs foreign affairs chief Kaja Kallas □ who had published a solo missive half an hour earlier saying she was exploring diplomatic solutions.

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