

All eyes on von der Leyen and Macron's high-stakes trip to China



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French President Emmanuel Macron hugs European Commission president Ursula von der Leyen as she arrives for a working lunch, Monday

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Following European Commission President [Ursula von der Leyen's calls last week to reassess EU diplomatic and economic ties with China](#), all eyes are now on her joint trip with French President Emmanuel Macron to Beijing.

Von der Leyen will hold a trilateral meeting with Macron and Chinese President Xi Jinping on Thursday,
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on the sidelines of the French leader's state visit to Beijing.

Commercial ties including market access and fair competition practices are expected to be discussed then. The EU has accused Beijing of using bullying tactics to blackmail smaller countries into downplaying criticism of Chinese policies.