

Frontrunners for EU's top jobs

Leaders are to meet on June 27 to try to reach a final agreement on who will lead the EU institutions for the next five years

COMMISSION PRESIDENT

Ursula von der Leyen

Well placed for second term after victory of her centre-right **European People's Party (EPP)** in EU elections



*Germany's von der Leyen, 65, has started talks with Socialists and Liberals to build centrist coalition, without officially including **Giorgia Meloni's** hard-right bloc*

FOREIGN POLICY CHIEF

Kaja Kallas

Estonian Prime Minister could replace Spain's **Josep Borrell**, who has often vexed diplomats for expressing personal views



*Championed by liberal family of **Renew Europe**, Kallas, 47, has become leading voice in EU's response to war in Ukraine, urging harder sanctions against Russia*

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

António Costa

Former Prime Minister of Portugal vying to replace Belgian liberal **Charles Michel** who cannot be re-elected



*Costa, 62, put forward as candidate by centre-left family of **Socialists and Democrats (S&D)** for job that acquires special relevance in times of crisis*

PARLIAMENT PRESIDENT

Roberta Metsola

As candidate of powerful EPP group, Metsola is in leading position to be given another 2.5 year term



Metsola, 45, who is first Maltese citizen to hold the office, would become first woman to serve two successive terms as EP president if re-elected