

An ambitious overhaul of the Commission structure aimed at tackling the big political challenges in the EU

On 10 September 2014, President-elect Jean-Claude Juncker announced the structure of his team, and the allocation of responsibilities in the 'Juncker Commission.'

Exercising his power under the Treaty on the European Union ('TEU') to organise the work of the European Commission (the 'Commission'), President-elect Juncker announced key changes to the current structure of the Commission, which will impact its workings and the policy-making procedures. It is yet unclear how these changes will be implemented and enforced in practice. Nonetheless, they bring forward a number of novelties in the way the Commission operates, especially because several important Directorates-General ('DGs') such as DG Internal Market and Services and DG Economic and Financial Affairs are stripped of several key responsibilities.

Insight into the new Commission

The 'Juncker Commission' is highly political, and comprises a number of popular high-profile politicians, many of whom are very well-known in their Member States.

President-elect Juncker had already expressed his intent to improve the functioning of the Commission. He decided to do so by fundamentally restructuring the allocation of the various responsibilities at College level. In addition, he announced the restructuring of the Commission's services (DGs) to reflect any changes at College level.

Two major changes to the structure of the Commission concern the appointment of a First Vice-President, and the reinforced, more substantive role of the Commission's Vice-Presidents, who are tasked with

coordinating horizontally the various Commission's portfolios. In addition, the reinforced role of the Vice-Presidents resulted in leaving room for broader portfolios for the actual Commissioners.

Other key points on the structure of the Juncker Commission include:

- The establishment of a new DG responsible for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union that will be led by the UK Commissioner-designate, Jonathan Hill;
- The merger of the DG responsible for taxation and customs with the DG responsible



for economic and financial affairs, which will be led by French Commissioner-designate Pierre Moscovici;

- The reinforced role of the DG responsible for Communications Networks, Content and Technology ('CONNECT') under the supervision of the German Commissioner-designate Guenther Oettinger, which will also be responsible *inter alia* for copyright matters, as well as counterfeiting;
- The merger of the DG for Internal Market and Services (note however that the scope of the work of that DG will be substantially reduced with financial services being dealt by the newly-established DG responsible for financial services, and several important units, including the Copyright and Online and Postal Services units moving to other DGs) with the DG for Enterprise and Industry.

One major challenge is how decision-making will operate in practice, especially in view of the potentially divergent opinions within the College and the fact that Commissioners will be required to work together in 'project teams' under the supervision of the respective Vice-President. On the other hand, it will most likely reduce the number of debates and votes in the weekly College meeting as if a proposal is agreed between the Commission services, and the relevant Vice-President, and has the support of the First Vice-President, it will be very unlikely for the other Commissioners to oppose it.

The role of the First Vice-President

Dutch Frans Timmermans (PvdA/S&D) is meant to become one

of Juncker's 'right hands.'

Considering the extraordinarily burdensome job of the President of the European Commission, President-elect Juncker established the novel role of the First Vice-President assigning Timmermans the task of coordinating the Commission's legislative-making role, and regularly monitoring legislative procedures.

Within the first three months, he will review all pending legislation, and decide on whether to withdraw any outstanding proposals.

In general, Timmermans will monitor compliance of the Commission with its commitment for better regulation, the rule of law and the Charter of Fundamental Rights, as well as the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality.

Timmermans' role has been described as "central" in the modernisation of the European Commission, although it is difficult at this stage to assess the exact role of the First Vice-President within the College.

The reinforced role of Vice-Presidents of the Commission

President-elect Juncker reinforced the pre-existing role of the Vice-President of the Commission assigning the five Vice-Presidents the task to coordinate horizontally the work of a number of portfolios led by the respective Commissioners. Juncker's goal is to '*ensure a dynamic interaction of all Members of the College, breaking down silos and moving away from static structures,*' and address the tendency of contradictory policy objectives undertaken by the various Commissioners.

President-elect Juncker has noted that the purpose of this restructuring was not to create two-tier members of the College explaining that a Commissioner will depend on the support of a Vice-President to bring a new initiative into the Commission Work Programme or on to the College agenda, but that at the same time the Vice-President will depend on his or her 'Project Team' Commissioners' contributions to successfully complete the project assigned to him or her.

In practice, each Commissioner who is assigned to a specific portfolio would need the support of the responsible Vice-President(s) to take his initiatives forward. For instance, a potential review of the EU copyright legislation that could be put forward under the supervision of Commissioner Guenther Oettinger responsible for the Digital Economy and Society would need support by Andrus Ansip, Vice-President designate for the Digital Single Market, but other Vice-Presidents as well, including Kristalina Georgieva, Vice-President designate for Budget and Human Resources. How this mutual collaboration will operate in practice is not yet known. It has been made clear however that at the College all Members will have equal voting rights.

The new DG for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union

Rather unexpectedly, President-elect Juncker assigned the role of the overseer of the EU financial services policy to Jonathan Hill, the UK Commissioner-designate, who will be in charge of the newly established DG, and will also be responsible for Commission's relations with the European Banking Authority (EBA),

the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA), the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), the European Systemic Risks Board (ESRB), and the Single Resolution Board (SRB).

Clearly, Juncker's ultimate goal is to entice UK to remain in the European Union. However, all commentators have raised concerns about Hill's hearing before the European Parliament Committee for Economic Affairs ('ECON'), where he will most likely be the addressee of challenging questions in relation to UK's position on the bonus cap, and the potential future challenge that may be brought by the UK against the Financial Transaction Tax ('FTT').

DG Taxations and Customs and DG Economic and Financial Affairs merge under the supervision of the French Commissioner-designate

The French Commissioner-designate Pierre Moscovici on the other hand will oversee the Commission's activities against tax fraud, tax evasion and aggressive tax planning, as well profit shifting, especially in the digital context. In addition, he will also be responsible for finalising the FTT.

He will also be in charge of other economic and financial affairs files (those not moving to the new DG responsible for financial services).

Worth noting that Moscovici will be supervised by austerity-supporting Vice-President designate Jyrki Katainen responsible for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness, and Vice-President

designate Valdis Dombrovskis responsible for the Euro and Social Dialogue.

President-elect Juncker underscores the importance of the digital economy in the EU by assigning the task of promoting the EU digital agenda to two Members of the College

Vice-President designate Andrus Ansip responsible for the Digital Single Market will work together with Commissioner-Designate Guenther Oettinger responsible for the Digital Economy and Society to remove national silos in telecom regulation, in the management of radio waves, as well as in the application of competition law (together with Commissioner-designate Margrethe Vestager responsible for Competition). Among other tasks, President-elect has referred to the need to modernise copyright rules 'in the light of the digital resolution.' Of course, in line with the horizontal cooperation among the various Commissioners, the two members will work with other members to deliver on coordinated and consistent policy and legislative initiatives.

DG Internal Market and Services and DG Enterprise and Industry merge – the old mighty DG III?

The two DGs will operate under the Polish Commissioner-designate Elzbieta Bienkowska. It should be noted however that very few units will be left with DG Internal Market and Services (one of which is the

Industrial Property Unit) given that several units will move to the newly-established financial services DG, and some key units dealing with digital issues such as the Copyright unit will move to DG CONNECT.

The merger recreates a new DG, which is very similar to DG III of the 1980s, which was tasked both with normalisation, as well as with infringements in the single market.

Next steps

The new Commission, if voted by the European Parliament and confirmed by the European Council, will normally take office on 1 November 2014. Nonetheless, the European Parliament members will impose some very difficult questions to a number of the

Commissioner-designates, including UK Commissioner-designate Jonathan Hill, as well as Spanish Miguel Arias Canete, and Maltese Karmenu Vella. It is worth noting that there was a delay for the last two Commissions in taking office as a result of a request from the Parliament that a Commissioner is changed. However, commentators suggest that despite any foreseen difficulties that these nominees may face in the hearings process on 1 November 2014, the Juncker Commission will be able to take office.

On 11 and 12 September, the new College attended a seminar in order to prepare for their hearings. The Commissioners-designate are currently in the process of assembling their cabinets, which will be charged with restructuring the corresponding directorates-general.

THE JUNCKER COMMISSION AT A GLANCE

Number of Commissioners	28
Vice Presidents	7
Political affiliation	
EPP - European People's Party	14
PES - Party of European Socialists	4
ALDE – Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe Party	5
S&D – Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats	4
ECR – European Conservatives and Reformists	1
Number of returning Commissioners	7
Average age	53
Male: female ratio	2:1

ANTICIPATED TIMETABLE OF APPOINTMENT*

10 September 2014	President Juncker announced portfolio allocations among nominated European Commissioners
29 September – 9 October 2014	Hearings of Commissioners-designate at the European Parliament before the Parliamentary Committees in their prospective fields of responsibility. The Committees then send their evaluations to the President of the European Parliament and political group leaders. The President-elect of the Commission will then present the College of Commissioners and its programme before a plenary session of the European Parliament
21 October 2014	MEPs to vote in plenary on whether to approve the new College of Commissioners. They vote on the College as a block rather than on individual members
23 October 2014	European Council to officially appoint the new College of Commissioners
31 October 2014	Formal end of the previous European Commission's term (may be appointed to stay on in a caretaker capacity if new College is not yet approved)
1 November 2014	New College of Commissioners due to take office
1 December 2014	New President of the European Council and High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy due to take office

* as of 16 September 2014

Jean-Claude Juncker



Nationality, political group	Luxembourg, EPP	
Portfolio	President of the European Commission	
Responsibilities	Secretariat General, Legal Service	
Most recent position held	Prime Minister of Luxembourg	
Age	59	

Biography

Jean Claude Juncker was born in 1954. He joined the Christian Social People's Party in Luxembourg in 1974 and went on to study law at the University of Strasbourg. He was first appointed as Deputy Minister of Labour at the age of 28 in 1982. He was appointed as Minister of Labour in 1984 and as Minister of Finance in 1989. In 1992, he played a key role in the run up to the signing of the Maastricht Treaty, which created the European Union and the single currency.

Mr. Juncker became Prime Minister of Luxembourg in 1995 following the appointment of Jacques Santer as President of the European Commission. He simultaneously maintained the portfolio of Minister for Finance, a position which he held until 2009.

As Prime Minister, Mr. Juncker occupied the position of President of the Council of the European Union on two occasions. He first held the post in the second half of 1997, during which time he sought to tackle unemployment across the European Union. When Luxembourg again held the rotating Presidency of the Council of the EU in 2005, he forged the reform of the Stability and Growth Pact. He also revitalised the Lisbon Strategy with a focus on its social and environmental dimensions. From 2005 to 2013, Mr Juncker was also President of the Eurogroup – the informal meeting of Ministers of Finance from the Eurozone.

On 7 March 2014, Jean Claude Juncker was elected as the candidate of the European People's Party (EPP) for President of the European Commission at an EPP Congress in Dublin, Ireland. There he announced his three key values: experienced and efficient leadership, solidarity amongst people and nations and a strong vision for the future. On 15 July 2014, Mr. Juncker presented his political programme to the European Parliament in plenary. Following a debate, he was elected by the European Parliament to the position of Commission President with 422 votes in favour and 250 votes against.

Jean Claude Juncker has been recognised with numerous awards for his contributions to European integration, including the Charlemagne Prize in 2006.

Frans Timmermans



Nationality, political group	Netherlands, S&D
Portfolio	First Vice-President, charged with leading on Better Regulation, Inter-Institutional Relations, the Rule of Law and the Charter of Fundamental Rights
Responsibilities	Better Regulation, Inter-Institutional relations, the Rule of Law and the Charter of Fundamental Rights Internal Audit Service (IAS)
Commissioners sitting within Portfolio	Primary: Commissioner Věra Jourová, Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality Commissioner Dimitris Avramopoulos, Migration and Home Affairs Secondary: All other Commissioners
Most recent position held	Minister of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands
Age	53
His mandate will be focused on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Regularly monitoring procedures linked to the preparation of delegated and implementing acts to ensure full political ownership ■ Coordinating the work on better regulation within the Commission, ensuring the compliance of EU proposals with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality, and working with the European Parliament and the Council to remove unnecessary 'red tape' at both European and national level ■ Ensuring that the special partnership with the European Parliament, as laid down in the Framework Agreement of 2010, is pursued with full commitment, and coordinating, on behalf of the Commission, the inter-institutional work on policy programming and better law-making ■ Coordinating and strengthening the interaction of all Commissioners with national Parliaments ■ Ensuring that every Commission proposal or initiative complies with the Charter of Fundamental Rights ■ Coordinating the Commission's work on the Rule of Law and concluding the process of accession of the EU to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms of the Council of Europe
Relations with the Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Represent the Commission in the General Affairs Council and in negotiations on institutional issues ■ Manage and coordinate the participation of the Commission in the Justice and Home Affairs Council

Biography

Frans Timmermans was born in 1961 in Maastricht. His first degree was in French Language and Literature, which he studied at Radboud University, Nijmegen. He obtained postgraduate courses in European law and French Literature at the University of Nancy.

Mr. Timmermans started his career in 1987 as an official at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in The Hague. From 1988 to 1990, he worked as a policy officer in that ministry's European Integration Department before being appointed Second Embassy Secretary at the Dutch embassy in Moscow.

After a brief period back in The Hague, as deputy head of the Minister for Development Cooperation's EC Affairs Section, Mr Timmerman joined the staff of European Commissioner Hans van de Broek. He went on to become adviser and private secretary to Max van der Stoep, the High Commissioner on National Minorities for the Organization for Security and Co operation in Europe (OSCE).

In 1998, Frans Timmermans became a member of the Dutch House of Representatives for the Labour Party (PvdA), where his primary focus was on foreign affairs. He was Chair of the Permanent Committee on Economic Affairs and represented the House of Representatives in the European Convention.

From 2007 – 2010 Mr Timmermans was Minister for European Affairs in the fourth Balkenende government. Upon the defeat of that government he returned to the House as the PvdA's spokesperson on foreign policy. On 5 November 2012, Mr Timmermans was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Rutte Asscher government.

Mr Timmermans is married with two children. He also has two children from his previous marriage. Apart from his native Dutch and Limburgish, he is fluent in English, German, French, Italian, Spanish and Russian.

Federica Mogherini

Nationality, political group	Italy, S&D
Portfolio	High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy / Vice-President of the Commission
Responsibilities	European External Action Service Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI)
Commissioners sitting within Portfolio	<p>Primary: Commissioner Johannes Hahn, European Neighbourhood Policy & Enlargement Negotiations Commissioner Neven Mimica, International Cooperation & Development Commissioner Cecilia Malmström, Trade Commissioner Christos Stylianides, Humanitarian Aid & Crisis Management</p> <p>Secondary: Commissioner Dimitris Avramopoulos, Migration and Home Affairs Commissioner Maroš Šefčovič, Transport & Space: Commissioner Miguel Arias Cañete, Climate Action & Energy</p>
Most recent position held	Minister of Foreign Affairs, Italy
Age	41
Her mandate will be focused on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Chairing a Commissioners' Group on External Action to develop a more joined-up approach to joint approach on geopolitical matters ■ Working closely with the President on external affairs reporting regularly to him and the whole Commission on geopolitical developments ■ Working closely with the Commissioners who are responsible for the external relations budget



Biography

Born in Rome in 1973, Federica Mogherini attended the Sapienza University of Rome, where she studied political science. Her dissertation written during at Erasmus programme in Aix en Provence, France focused on the relationship between religion and the politics of Islam. In 1988, Ms. Mogherini joined the Italian Communist Youth Federation before becoming a member of the Youth Left after the Italian Communist Party was dissolved. In 2001, she joined the National Council of the Democrats of the Left (DS) going on to work in the DS's Foreign Affairs Department and later becoming the Department's chief coordinator. As a advisor to Party chairman, Piero Fassino, Ms. Mogherini had responsibility for matters relating to Afghanistan, Iraq and the Middle East, as well being in charge of liaising with the Democratic Party in the United States. In 2007, Ms. Mogherini joined the staff of Walter Veltroni in his role as chairman of the newly created Italian Democratic Party (PD) before being elected to the Chamber of Deputies herself in 2008. Upon her election, she was appointed the secretary of the parliamentary Defence Committee, a member of the Italian delegation of the parliamentary assembly of the European Council, and a member of the delegation at the parliamentary assembly at the Western European Union. Upon re election in 2013, Ms. Mogherini became a member of the Defence Committee as well as the Committee on Foreign Affairs. In April 2013, she was appointed president of the Italian delegation at the Parliamentary Assembly of NATO. She entered the newly formed Renzi government in February 2014 as Minister of Foreign Affairs becoming only the third woman to hold the post and the youngest to date. Ms. Mogherini is married with two young children.

Kristalina Georgieva



Nationality, political group	Bulgaria, EPP
Portfolio	Vice-President for Budget and Human Resources
Responsibilities	<p>DG Budget (BUDG)</p> <p>DG Human Resources and Security (HR)</p> <p>DG Translation (DGT)</p> <p>DG Interpretation (SCIC)</p> <p>Responsible for relations with:</p> <p>European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF)</p> <p>The Office for the Administration and Payment of individual entitlements (PMO)</p> <p>The Office for Infrastructure and logistics in Brussels (OIB)</p> <p>The Office for Infrastructure and logistics in Luxembourg (OIL)</p> <p>The European Personnel Selection Office (EPSO) and the European School of Administration (EUSA)</p> <p>The European Schools</p> <p>The Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European</p>
Commissioners sitting within Portfolio	All Commissioners
Most recent position held	European Commissioner, International Co-Operation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response
Age	61
Her mandate will be focused on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Being responsible for managing the EU budget, for negotiating the annual budget, for the financial programming and implementation, for the discharge of the budget, for steering the 2016 review of the Multiannual Financial Framework ■ Being responsible for the internal organisation of the Commission as an institution including the allocation of financial and human resources ■ Enhancing investigations against fraud and serious misconduct within the European institutions by supporting the work of the European Anti Fraud Office ■ Helping to reinforce the effectiveness and efficiency of control strategies ■ Working closely with the Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society to make the European Commission more open and effective through a better use of digital technologies

Biography

Kristalina Georgieva was born in Sofia in 1953. She holds a PhD in Economics and an MA in Political Economics and Sociology from the University of National and World Economy in Sofia. She also did post graduate research and studies in natural resource economics and environmental policy at the London School of Economics (LSE) and at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Following her studies, Ms. Georgieva held a range of academic and consulting positions in Bulgaria and the US, and lectured on development topics in universities around the world, including MIT, LSE, Chinghua University, Yale University, Harvard University and the University of the South Pacific in Fiji.

Ms. Georgieva joined the World Bank in 1993 and worked as an Environmental Economist, managing projects and running World Bank support for the Environment Action Program for Central and Eastern Europe. As Director for the Environment (2000 – 2004), she led the preparation of the first World Bank environmental strategy and oversaw a portfolio of over \$11 billion in environmental lending. From 2004 to 2007, as Country Director for the Russian Federation, she was responsible for all World Bank activities in Russia, including a \$2.2 billion project portfolio in public management, health, education, municipal development and environment. In 2007 she assumed responsibilities for strategy and operations in the World Bank Sustainable Development Network and at the end of February 2008, she was appointed by the World Bank Board of Executive Directors as Vice President and Corporate Secretary. She was apparently the personal choice of World Bank President, Robert Zoellick, who selected her as his Deputy.

On 19 January 2010, Prime Minister Boyko Borisov informed European Commission President José Manuel Barroso of his intention to put forward Ms. Georgieva as his country's European Commissioner designate. Her nomination followed the resignation of Bulgaria's original candidate, Rumiana Jeleva. Ms. Jeleva stood down after a difficult confirmation hearing before the European Parliament.

During her four years as a EU Commissioner Ms. Georgieva has coordinating the European Union response to a number of humanitarian disasters including the 2010 Haiti earthquake, the ongoing conflict in Darfur and flooding in Pakistan. She focused on augmenting the EU's disaster response capacity, most notably through the creation of the European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps.

Aside from winning a number of awards, Ms. Georgieva was named as Commissioner of the Year in 2010.

She is married with one child.

Andrus Ansip		
Nationality, political group	Estonia, ALDE	
Portfolio	Vice-President, Digital Single Market	
Responsibilities	Steer and coordinate the work of several Commissioners, in particular those referred to immediately below	
Commissioners sitting within Portfolio	<p>Primary:</p> <p>Commissioner Corina Crețu, Regional Policy</p> <p>Commissioner Elżbieta Bieńkowska, Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs</p> <p>Commissioner Philip Hogan, Agriculture and Rural Development</p> <p>Commissioner Günther Oettinger: Digital Economy & Society</p> <p>Commissioner Věra Jourová, Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality</p> <p>Commissioner Pierre Moscovici, Economic & Financial Affairs, Taxation & Customs</p> <p>Commissioner Marianne Thyssen, Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility</p> <p>Secondary:</p> <p>Commissioner Vytenis Andriukaitis, Health & Food Safety</p> <p>Commissioner Tibor Navracsics, Education, Culture, Youth and Citizenship</p> <p>Commissioner Margrethe Vestager, Competition</p> <p>Commissioner Carlos Moedas, Research, Science and Innovation</p> <p>Commissioner Jonathan Hill, Financial Stability, Financial Services & Capital Markets Union</p>	
Most recent position held	Prime Minister of Estonia	
Age	57	
His mandate will be focused on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Completing the Digital Single Market by bringing together the different regulatory powers of the Commission■ Steering and coordinating, within the first six months of the mandate, ambitious legislative steps towards a connected Digital Single Market, notably the ongoing reform of our telecoms rules, modernising copyright rules in the light of the ongoing digital revolution, and modernising and simplifying consumer rules for online and digital purchases■ Supporting ways of making public administration more open and effective by enhancing digital and eGovernment approaches■ Working to fight cybercrime, and ensuring users have the same freedoms and protections online as they have offline■ Supporting the Vice-President for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness in the project to present, within the first three months of our mandate, the jobs, growth and investment package	

Biography

Andrus Ansip was born in Tartu in 1956. Having graduated from the University of Tartu with a degree in Chemistry in 1979, he worked for three years as an engineer at the university. Between 1986 and 1988, Mr. Ansip was an Instructor in the Industry Department and Head of the Organisational Department of the Tartu District Committee of the Estonian Communist Party.

Mr. Ansip's career has included involvement in both the banking and investment sector. As well as having been a Member of the Board of Directors of the People's Bank of Tartu, he was Chairman of the Board of Livonia Privatisation IF, and CEO of Investment Fund Broker Ltd. In addition to this, he served as Chairman of the Board for Radio Tartu.

Elected as Mayor of Tartu in 1998 as a candidate of the centre right Reformierakond (Reform Party), Mr. Ansip continued in the post until 2004, when he became Chairman of the Reform Party and Minister for Economic Affairs. Following the resignation of Prime Minister Juhan Parts in March 2005, Andrus Ansip was invited to form and lead a new coalition government. He went on to lead two more successive governments as Prime Minister before announcing his resignation in March 2014 to enable his successor to lead the Reform Party into the 2015 elections.

Andrus Ansip is married with three daughters

Alenka Bratušek		
Nationality, political group	Slovenia, ALDE	
Portfolio	Vice-President, Energy Union	
Responsibilities	Steer and coordinate the work of several Commissioners, in particular those referred to immediately below	
Commissioners sitting within Portfolio	<p>Primary:</p> <p>Commissioner Miguel Arias Cañete, Climate Action & Energy</p> <p>Commissioner Maroš Šefčovič, Transport & Space:</p> <p>Commissioner Elżbieta Bieńkowska, Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship & SMEs</p> <p>Commissioner Karmenu Vella, Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries</p> <p>Commissioner Philip Hogan, Agriculture and Rural Development</p> <p>Commissioner Carlos Moedas, Research, Science and Innovation</p> <p>Commissioner Corina Crețu, Regional Policy</p> <p>Secondary:</p> <p>Commissioner Günther Oettinger, Digital Economy & Society</p> <p>Commissioner Cecilia Malmström, Trade</p> <p>Commissioner Marianne Thyssen, Employment, Social Affairs, Skills & Labour Mobility</p> <p>Commissioner Pierre Moscovici, Economic and Financial Affairs, Taxation and Customs</p> <p>Commissioner Věra Jourová, Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality</p> <p>Commissioner Margrethe Vestager, Competition</p>	
Most recent position held	Prime Minister of Slovenia	
Age	44	
Her mandate will be focused on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Coordinating Commission efforts to ensure the EU reaches its targets in the energy sector for 2020 and 2030, including as part of the Europe 2020 Strategy ■ Advancing the internal energy market through the connection of infrastructures and by engaging with energy regulators at national levels ■ Enhancing EU energy security, including taking measures to reduce the risk of a shortage of energy supplies, diversifying energy sources and bringing about the pooling of the Member States negotiating power 	

Biography

Alenka Bratušek was born in Celje in 1970. She studied her first degree at the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Technology at the University of Ljubljana before going on to obtain a master's degree in management at the Faculty for Social Sciences. Prior to entering politics, Ms. Bratušek worked for six years as head of the Directorate for the State Budget at the Slovenian Ministry of Finance.

In 2006, Ms. Bratušek was elected to Kranj city council of the Liberal Democracy of Slovenia (LDS) being re-elected in 2010. She entered the Slovenian parliament in 2011 on the list of the Positive Slovenia party, and went on to become chairperson of the parliamentary Committee for Budget Control.

Alenka Bratušek was elected as president of the Positive Slovenia party in January 2013 following the resignation of its leader and founder, Zoran Jankovič. Following a vote of confidence in the government of Janez Janša's in February 2013, Ms. Bratušek was elected as the Prime Minister designate. Having formed a majority coalition with Social Democrats's party, Ms. Bratušek formed a government in March 2013 remaining in office until her resignation in May 2014.

Ms. Bratušek lives with her partner and has a son and a daughter.

Valdis Dombrovskis



Nationality, political group	Latvia, EPP
Portfolio	Vice-President, Euro and Social Dialogue
Responsibilities	Steer and coordinate the work of several Commissioners, in particular those referred to immediately below
Commissioners sitting within Portfolio	<p>Commissioner Marianne Thyssen, Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility</p> <p>Commissioner Jonathan Hill, Financial Stability, Financial Services & Capital Markets Union</p> <p>Commissioner Pierre Moscovici, Economic and Financial Affairs, Taxation & Customs</p> <p>Commissioner Elżbieta Bieńkowska, Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship & SMEs</p> <p>Commissioner Věra Jourová, Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality</p> <p>Commissioner Tibor Navracsics, Education, Culture, Youth and Citizenship</p> <p>Commissioner Corina Crețu, Regional Policy</p>
Most recent position held	Prime Minister of Latvia
Age	43
His mandate will be focused on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steering the work on the European Semester of economic policy coordination, starting with its streamlining and reinforcement Paving the way for legislative and non-legislative initiatives to deepen our Economic and Monetary Union which should be prepared during the first year of the mandate Reforming the way in which conditional stability support is granted to Euro area countries in difficulty, including the possibility of replacing the "troika" with a more democratically legitimate and more accountable structure.

Biography

Valdis Dombrovskis was born in Riga in 1971. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in economics for engineers from Riga Technical University in 1995 and a master's degree in physics from the University of Latvia in 1996. Following this, Mr. Dombrovskis worked as a laboratory assistant at the Institute of Physics of the University of Mainz from 1995 to 1996. He then took the position of an assistant at the University of Latvia's Institute of Solid State Physics in 1997, before taking up a post as a research assistant at the A. James Clark School of Engineering at the University of Maryland, College Park, in 1998. He went on to work as a macroeconomic specialist within the Latvian Bank's Monetary Policy Department, a position which he held for four years. Having been elected to the Latvian Parliament in 2002 for the New Era Party, Mr. Dombrovskis held the position of Minister of Finance from 2002 to 2004. In 2004 he was elected to the European Parliament, where he became Latvian Head of the Delegation of the EPP ED Group. During his tenure as an MEP, Valdis Dombrovskis was a member of three European Parliament Committees, including the Committee on Budgets. In February 2009, Valdis Dombrovskis became Prime Minister of Latvia following the resignation of Ivars Godmanis. He took the role in the midst of an economic crisis stating that Latvia was "on the verge of bankruptcy," and would need to make budget cuts or risk financial collapse. Mr. Dombrovskis remained Prime Minister until 2014, during which time he implemented a series of austerity measures credited with turning Latvia into one of the EU's fastest growing economies of the past few years. He also presided over the Latvia's accession to the Eurozone on 1 January 2014. Mr. Dombrovskis is married, and is fluent in English, Russian and German as well as his native Latvian.

Jyrki Katainen		
Nationality, political group	Finland, EPP	
Portfolio	Vice-President, Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness	
Responsibilities	Steer and coordinate the work of several Commissioners, in particular those referred to immediately below	
Commissioners sitting within Portfolio	<p>Primary:</p> <p>Commissioner Maroš Šefčovič, Transport & Space Commissioner Günther Oettinger, Digital Economy & Society Commissioner Miguel Arias Cañete: Climate Action & Energy Commissioner Marianne Thyssen, Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility Commissioner Jonathan Hill, Financial Stability, Financial Services & Capital Markets Union Commissioner Pierre Moscovici, Economic & Financial Affairs, Taxation & Customs Commissioner Corina Crețu, Regional Policy Commissioner Elżbieta Bieńkowska, Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs</p> <p>Secondary:</p> <p>Commissioner Johannes Hahn, European Neighbourhood Policy & Enlargement Negotiations Commissioner Cecilia Malmström, Trade Commissioner Karmenu Vella, Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Commissioner Vytenis Andriukaitis, Health & Food Safety Commissioner Dimitris Avramopoulos, Migration and Home Affairs Commissioner Philip Hogan, Agriculture and Rural Development Commissioner Věra Jourová, Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality Commissioner Tibor Navracsics, Education, Culture, Youth and Citizenship Commissioner Margrethe Vestager, Competition Commissioner Carlos Moedas, Research, Science and Innovation</p>	
Most recent position held	European Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs	
Age	42	
His mandate will be focused on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Supporting economic recovery, strengthening job creation, and enhancing Europe's competitiveness, while working closely with the European Investment Bank in achieving these goals ■ Coordinating the mid term review of the Europe 2020 Strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, and helping ensure progress towards EU targets in this field ■ Focusing on investment in broadband and energy networks; transport infrastructure; and education, research and innovation. 	

Biography

Jyrki Katainen was born in Siilinjärvi, Finland in 1971. He obtained a degree in political science from the University of Tampere, which included an Erasmus year at the University of Leicester, UK.

Mr. Katainen began his career in teaching, but was active politically from an early age. He was Vice President of the Youth of the European People's Party from 1990 2000 before being first elected to the Finnish Parliament in 1999 as a member of the centre right National Coalition Party. He served as Party vice chairman in 2001 before going on to be Party leader in 2004. During this period he also served as a Member of the Administrative Council of the Finnish Broadcasting Company, and was a Member of the Finnish Delegation to the Western European Union Parliamentary Assembly.

With the National Coalition Party in the 2007 general election, Jyrki Katainen was appointed Finance Minister and Deputy Prime Minister. He held these positions until 2011 when, following fresh parliamentary elections, the National Coalition Party became the largest party for the first time in Finnish history. Mr. Katainen was subsequently elected Prime Minister by the new parliament presiding over a coalition government comprising of six political parties.

During his tenure as Prime Minister between 2011 and 2014, Jyrki Katainen championed the cause of innovation and entrepreneurship in Finland with a particular interest in start up companies. His government held firmly to the centre right electing not to have Finland join the group of EU countries that proposed the introduction of a financial transaction tax. In addition, the Katainen government placed much emphasis on capitalising upon the strengths of Finnish education to attract direct foreign investment into the country. As Prime Minister, he led a number of Finnish trade delegations to both South American and Africa.

In April 2014, Jyrki Katainen announced that he would not seek another term as the chairman of Finland's National Coalition Party and would resign as Prime Minister in June 2014. He was subsequently elected as European Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Euro, a post which he will hold until assuming his new role as one of the Vice President for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness within the Juncker Commission in October 2014.

Mr. Katainen is married with two children. He speaks English, French and Swedish as well as his native Finnish.

Maroš Šefčovič		
Nationality, political group	Slovakia, PES	
Portfolio	Transport and Space	
Responsibilities	DG Mobility and Transport (MOVE) Parts of the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency (INEA) Parts of the Research Executive Agency (REA)	
Reports to	Vice-President Jyrki Katainen, Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness Vice-President Alenka Bratušek, Energy Union Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva, Budget and Human Resources Vice-President Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Policy and Security Policy	
Most recent position held	Vice President of the European Commission for Inter-Institutional Relations and Administration	
Age	48	
His mandate will be focused on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advancing the work on Trans-European Transport Networks, mobilising instruments available under the Connecting Europe Facility and maximising synergies with the implementation of the European Structural and Investment Funds at national and regional level Ensuring the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by the transport sector Completing the negotiations of the Fourth Railway package and pursuing the Single European Sky policy. 	

Biography

Mr. Maroš Šefčovič was born in Bratislava in 1966. Mr. Šefčovič studied at the University of Economics in Bratislava from 1984 to 1985 and the Moscow State Institute for International Relations from 1985 to 1990. He later earned his PhD in International and European law at the Faculty of Law of Comenius University in Bratislava. In 1990, Mr. Šefčovič was employed by the Czech and Slovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs and worked as an advisor to the first Deputy Foreign Minister. In 1991 and 1992, he was the Third Secretary and Consul at the Embassy of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic in Zimbabwe and then Deputy Chief of the Mission and Second Secretary in Canada. He went on to work at the Slovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 1995 and became the Deputy Director of the EU and NATO division in 1996. Over the next few years Mr. Šefčovič worked at the Foreign Minister's Office as the Deputy Director and later became its Director. In 1998, he moved to the Slovak Mission to the EU in Brussels, where he was the Deputy Head of Mission. The following year he served as the Ambassador at the Slovak Embassy in Israel. He worked at the Slovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs as the General Director for Bilateral Cooperation (2002) and as the General Director for European Affairs (2003). In 2004, he became an Ambassador again, this time as the Slovak Permanent Representative to the EU. In October 2009, he was appointed Slovakia's next European Commissioner. Mr. Šefčovič was appointed the Vice President of the European Commission for Inter Institutional Relations and Administration in 2010, and acted as the interim Vice President of the European Commission responsible for Inter Institutional Relations and Administration and Health and Consumer Policy in October and November 2011. Mr. Šefčovič was elected as a Member of the European Parliament with the highest voters' support among all Slovak candidates to the European Parliament in 2014. President Juncker has given him the Transport and Space portfolio. He is married and has three children.

Günther Oettinger	
Nationality, political group	Germany, EPP
Portfolio	Digital Economy and Society
Responsibilities	DG for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (CONNECT) DG Informatics (DIGIT) Parts of the Education, Audio-visual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) Parts of the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (EASME) Parts of the Innovation & Networks Executive Agency (INEA) Parts of the Research Executive Agency (REA)
Reports to	Vice-President Jyrki Katainen, Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness Vice-President Andrus Ansip, Digital Single Market Vice-President Alenka Bratušek, Energy Union Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva, Budget and Human Resources
Most recent position held	European Commissioner for Energy
Age	60
His mandate will be focused on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Preparing legislative steps towards a connected Digital Single Market, including spectrum regulation, copyright legislation, and reform of telecoms rules ■ Contributing to the jobs, growth and investment package ■ Encouraging entrepreneurship and providing a framework that drives start ups ■ Promoting the use of eGovernment solutions at all levels of the European Commission ■ Developing a plan to make the EU a leader in cyber security preparedness and trustworthy ICT ■ Preparing a reform of the e-Privacy Directive, liaising closely with the Vice-President for the Digital Single Market, with the support of the Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality ■ Developing the relationship with strategic partners in order to build a global governance architecture for the Internet



Biography

Günther Oettinger was born in Stuttgart in 1953. He studied law and economics at the University of Tübingen, and was admitted to the German bar in 1984. He worked at an auditing and tax law firm from 1982 to 1984, and was a practicing lawyer from 1984 to 1988.

His political career began as a member of the Junge Union, the youth organization of the German Christian Democratic Union (CDU) in Baden Württemberg, where he was appointed Chairman from 1983 to 1989. Early on he was strongly involved in local politics, particularly in the German cities Ditzingen and Ludwigsburg. A member of the state Parliament of Baden Württemberg since 1984, Mr. Oettinger was made CDU party leader in 1991 and eventually took over the chairmanship of the CDU in Baden Württemberg in 2005. From 2001 to 2005 he also chaired the CDU party in North Württemberg.

When former Minister President of Baden Württemberg, Erwin Teufel, announced that he was to step down, Mr. Oettinger was voted his successor and took over in 2005. From 2007 to 2009 Mr. Oettinger chaired the Committee on the Modernisation of Federation Länder Financial Relations, and was mainly involved in drawing up a joint debt rule for the Federation and the federal states that came into effect in 2011.

Between 2005 and 2010, Mr. Oettinger was the Minister President of Baden Württemberg, Germany. He has been the European Commissioner for Energy since February 2010 and in July 2014 he was made Vice President of the European Commission.

He was married to Inken Stange from 1994 until 2007 and has one son.

Johannes Hahn	
Nationality, political group	Austria, EPP
Portfolio	European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations
Responsibilities	DG Enlargement (ELARG)
Reports to	Vice-President Jyrki Katainen, Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva, Budget and Human Resources Vice-President Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Policy and Security Policy
Most recent position held	European Commissioner for Regional Policy
Age	56
His mandate will be focused on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Promoting stability at Europe's borders and helping neighbouring countries develop and support stable democratic institutions ■ Supporting those countries with a European perspective to implement democratic and economic reforms, uphold the rule of law, and strengthen economic governance and competitiveness ■ Strengthening the EU's strategic partnership with Africa ■ Coordinating relations with EEA EFTA countries



Biography

Mr. Johannes Hahn was born in Vienna in 1957. He studied philosophy at the University of Vienna graduating with a PhD in 1987. Mr. Hahn has acted as a Board Member and CEO of Novomatic AG from 1997 to 2003.

He has been politically active since his twenties; he chaired the Viennese group of the Youth Austrian People's Party (JVICE PRESIDENT) for five years and then worked his way up the Vienna branch of the Conservative Austrian People's Party (ÖVICE PRESIDENT Wien) eventually chairing it in 2005. From 2003 to 2007, he was a member of the Viennese Government. From 2007 until his appointment as Austria's European Commissioner he was the Austrian Federal Minister for Science and Research.

In 2010, he was made the European Commissioner in charge of Regional Policy. Mr. Hahn replaced Viviane Reding in two instances as Acting Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship. These were from 19 April 2014 to 25 May 2014 and from 1 July 2014 to 16 July 2014.

Mr. Hahn is married to Marina Hahn, and together they have one son.

Cecilia Malmström

Nationality, political group	Sweden, ALDE
Portfolio	Trade
Responsibilities	DG Trade (TRADE)
Reports to	<p>Vice-President Jyrki Katainen, Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness</p> <p>Vice-President Alenka Bratušek, Energy Union</p> <p>Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva, Budget and Human Resources</p> <p>Vice-President Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Policy and Security Policy</p>
Most recent position held	European Commissioner for Home Affairs
Age	46
Her mandate will be focused on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Engaging with the World Trade Organisation and multilateral trade processes ■ Working towards a reasonable and balanced Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership with the United States of America ■ Developing a strong foreign direct investment policy ■ Considering the use of EU's trade defence instruments ■ Strengthening the EU's strategic partnership with Africa



Biography

Cecilia Malmström was born in Stockholm in 1968, but grew up in Gothenburg and France. In 1987, she studied literature at the Sorbonne in Paris, and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from Gothenburg University in 1991. There, she completed a PhD in political science in 1998 having also worked as a translator, psychiatric nurse, teacher in social sciences and researcher at the University.

She has been politically active since 1997, and in 1999 was elected to the European Parliament. As an MEP, Ms. Malmström was a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and a substitute on the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection. She was Vice Chair of the Delegation to the EU Hungary Joint Parliamentary Committee (1999 – 2004), and Vice Chair of the Delegation to the EU Croatia Joint Parliamentary Committee (2004 – 2006). From 2002 to 2004, she was her political group's spokeswoman on foreign affairs. During her time as an MEP, she was active in the <http://www.oneseat.eu> web campaign, which aims to move the European Parliament's permanent seat from Strasbourg to Brussels. Cecilia Malmström was appointed Minister for European Union Affairs in the Swedish government in 2006. During her time as Minister she was nominated as Sweden's next European Commissioner acting as the European Commissioner responsible for Home Affairs. Ms. Malmström began her role as Commissioner in 2010, and in the same year established a political agreement between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission to implement Article 10 of the United Nations' Firearms Protocol. She launched the European Financial Coalition against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Online in 2012 as well as the European Cybercrime Centre in 2013.

She is the author of a number of books and articles on European regionalism, European and Spanish politics, terrorism and immigration. Ms. Malmström speaks Swedish, English, Spanish, French, German, and Italian. She is married and has twins.

Neven Mimica		
Nationality, political group	Croatia, PES	
Portfolio	International Cooperation and Development	
Responsibilities	DG Development and Cooperation – EuropeAid (DEVCO)	
Reports to	Vice-President Jyrki Katainen, Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva, Budget and Human Resources Vice-President Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Policy and Security Policy	
Most recent position held	European Commissioner for Consumer Protection	
Age	60	
His mandate will be focused on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Preparing the Commission and EU positions for the negotiations on the post-2015 United Nations Millennium Development Goal agenda ■ Giving high priority to the respect for human rights, good governance and gender equality in our dialogue and assistance programmes ■ Working with Member States to enhance the EU's contribution to international cooperation and development and to further co ordinating policies ■ Preparing and launching negotiations for a revised Cotonou agreement ■ Strengthening the EU's strategic partnership with Africa 	

Biography

Neven Mimica was born in Croatia in 1953. He graduated in foreign trade at the University of Zagreb in 1976. He later received his Master in Economics from the University of Zagreb in 1987. Mr. Mimica started a diplomatic career upon leaving university. He worked for the Diplomatic Service of the SFR Yugoslavia and Croatia from 1987 until 1997. Notably, he had posts in Cairo from 1987 to 1991, Zagreb from 1991 to 1993, and Ankara from 1996 to 1997.

Mr. Mimica entered politics following his diplomatic career and acted as a non partisan expert in 1997. It was at this time that he served as chief negotiator for the Republic of Croatia for the Stabilisation and Association Agreement with the EU and for WTO accession. From 2001 to 2003 he held the position of Minister of European Integration in Croatia and followed this as a Member of Parliament for the Social Democratic Party of Croatia from 2004 to 2008. He was made Deputy Speaker of Parliament and Chair of the European Integration Committee in 2008. Mr. Mimica acted in this role until 2011 until he was appointed Deputy Prime Minister of Croatia for Foreign Affairs and European Integration in 2011. He has most recently been acting as the European Commissioner for Consumer Protection, a role which he started in 2013. This marked the first time Croatia had a representative acting as a Commissioner following the state's accession to the EU in 2013.

Mr. Mimica is married and has two children.

Miguel Arias Cañete

Nationality, political group	Spain, EPP
Portfolio	Climate Action and Energy
Responsibilities	DG Climate Action (CLIMA) DG Energy (ENER) The Euratom Supply Agency (ESA) Parts of the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (EASME) Parts of the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency (INEA)
Reports to	Vice-President Jyrki Katainen, Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness Vice-President Alenka Bratušek, Energy Union Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva, Budget and Human Resources Vice-President Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Policy and Security Policy
Most recent position held	Member of European Parliament
Age	64
His mandate will be focused on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Contributing to the completion of the internal market for energy ■ Contributing to the jobs, growth and investment package focusing on infrastructure, renewable energy and energy efficiency ■ Increasing Europe's energy security by diversifying sources and routes of energy imports ■ Continuing to develop EU policy for renewables ■ Strengthening and promoting the Emissions Trading System



Biography

Miguel Arias Cañete was born in Spain in 1950. He attended the Universidad Complutense in Madrid where he obtained his law degree. He later started working as a lawyer in the Spanish government in 1974 acting as a public prosecutor. After this time, he became a professor of law at the University of Jerez de la Frontera from 1978 to 1982.

Mr. Cañete then turned to a career in politics occupying a seat in the Parliament of Andalusia between 1982 and 1986. Mr. Cañete acted as a Member of European Parliament for 13 years starting in 1986 upon Spain's accession to the EU. He was a member of the Committees on Agriculture and Fisheries, and served as the Chairman of the Committees on Agriculture and Regional Policy.

Mr. Cañete was appointed Minister of Agriculture and Fishing in Spain in 2000, and has been a representative in Spanish congress since 2004. He first represented Cádiz before being the representative for Madrid. In 2011, he was appointed Minister of Agriculture, Food and Environment in Spain under the People's Party.

Mr. Cañete speaks fluent English, French, and Spanish, basic Italian and German, and is learning Chinese. He is married and has 3 children.

Karmenu Vella	
Nationality, political group	Malta, PES
Portfolio	Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
Responsibilities	DG Environment (ENV) DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (MARE) Parts of the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (EASME)
Reports to	Vice-President Jyrki Katainen, Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness Vice-President Alenka Bratušek, Energy Union Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva, Budget and Human Resources
Most recent position held	Minister of Tourism, Malta
Age	64
His mandate will be focused on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Overhauling the existing environmental legislative framework to make it fit for purpose, including the Birds and Habitats Directive ■ Assessing the state of play of the Circular Economy package in the light of the first reactions of the European Parliament and Council ■ Considering where air strategy stands ■ Implementing the recently agreed reform of the Common Fisheries Policy ■ Engaging in shaping international ocean governance in the UN and other multilateral fora, or in bilateral relations



Biography

Mr. Karmenu Vella was born in Malta in 1950. He graduated from the University of Malta in 1970 with a degree in Architecture and Civil Engineering. He later received his Master of Science in Tourism Management from Sheffield Hallam University in 2000. Mr. Vella started his own private practice as an architect and civil engineer in 1973. Since then he has held a number of roles across a variety of businesses. He was Director of Mid Med Bank, Executive Chairman of Corinthia Hotels International, and Chairman of Orange Travel Group. He was a Founding Chairman of the Maltese Turkish Business Council and Board Director of Betfair Group Ltd. In 1976, Karmenu Vella was successfully elected to Parliament for the first time in the general elections of Malta, and followed this with nine consecutive elections in the years after. In 1981, he was appointed Minister for Public works, and in 1984, he was appointed Minister for Industry. Mr. Vella was appointed Minister of Tourism in 1996, and acted in this capacity until 1998. He was again appointed Minister of Tourism in 2013. However, following his appointment as Commissioner, Mr. Vella is no longer expected to be part of the Cabinet of Ministers in Malta. President Juncker has given him the Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries portfolio. This marks the second time a Commissioner from Malta will be responsible for fisheries, and the first time a Commissioner from Malta will also be responsible for the environment.

Mr. Vella is married to Marianne née Buhagiar with whom he has two children. Mr. Vella is also a grandfather of two.

Vytenis Andriukaitis

Nationality, political group	Lithuania, PES
Portfolio	Health and Food Safety
Responsibilities	DG Health and Consumers (SANCO) Parts of the Consumers, Health and Food Executive Agency (CHAFAEA)
Reports to	Vice-President Jyrki Katainen, Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness Vice-President Andrus Ansip, Digital Single Market Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva, Budget and Human Resources
Most recent position held	Minister of Health, Lithuania
Age	63
His mandate will be focused on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Ensuring that the Commission is prepared to deal with crisis situations in food safety or pandemics ■ Reviewing the existing decision making process applied to genetically modified organisms within the first six months ■ Developing expertise on performance assessments of health systems ■ Building up country specific and cross country knowledge which can feed into policies at national and European level



Biography

Mr. Vytenis Andriukaitis was born in Yakut in 1951. In 1975, he received his medical diploma with a speciality in surgery from Kaunas Medical Institute, now the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences. Mr. Andriukaitis then studied at Vilnius State University, now Vilnius University, and in 1984 received a diploma as a historian and teacher of history and political sciences.

Mr. Andriukaitis worked as a surgeon in Ignalina Central Hospital from 1976 to 1985 before working as a cardiac surgeon at Vilnius Republican Clinical Hospital in 1985 until 1993.

Politically, Mr. Andriukaitis was actively involved in the anti Soviet underground movement in 1969. From 1990 to 1992 he was the Supreme Soviet deputy of the Lithuanian Republic, and was one of the co authors of the Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania which was adopted in 1992. He acted as the Chairman for the Lithuanian Social Democratic Party from 1999 2001, and was a Member of Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania from 1996 to 2004 and again since 2008. He has been the Deputy Chairman of the Lithuanian Social Democratic Party since 2008. Most recently he was appointed the Lithuanian Minister of Health in 2012.

Mr. Andriukaitis is a co author of 44 book and author of 616 press articles on, amongst other issues, the history of medicine, surgery, political science, and labour market organization.

He is married and has three children.

Dimitris Avramopoulos



Nationality, political group	Greece, EPP
Portfolio	Migration and Home Affairs
Responsibilities	DG Home Affairs (HOME) Parts of the Research Executive Agency (REA)
Reports to	Vice-President Jyrki Katainen, Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness Vice-President Frans Timmermans, Better Regulation, Inter-Institutional Relations, Rule of Law and Charter of Fundamental Rights Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva, Budget and Human Resources Vice-President Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Policy and Security Policy
Most recent position held	Minister of Defence, Greece
Age	61
His mandate will be focused on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Developing a new European policy on regular migration, and address the shortcomings of the 'Blue Card' Directive ■ Boosting the effectiveness of the European border agency FRONTEX by developing a system to pool resources from Member States ■ Working to ensure the full and consistent implementation of the Common European Asylum System, and consider an extended role for the European Asylum Support Office ■ Focusing on the fight against crime, terrorism, and countering radicalisation with a clear link to EU policies

Biography

Mr. Dimitris Avramopoulos was born in Athens in 1953. He studied Public Law and Political Sciences in the School of Law of the University of Athens graduating in 1978. Following this Mr. Avramopoulos then received a Postgraduate Specialisation Diploma on International Organisations at Boston University in 1980. He received his Master of European Studies from the Institute of European Affairs of the Université Libre de Bruxelles in 1986. Mr. Avramopoulos began his career as a diplomat in 1980 working for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Athens until 1993. He was Consul of Greece in Liège from 1983 to 1988 and Consul General of Greece to Geneva in 1992. Mr. Avramopoulos was then appointed Director of the Diplomatic Office for the Prime Minister of Greece, Costas Mitsotakis, in 1993. Following his resignation from the diplomatic service in 1993, Mr. Avramopoulos began a career in politics. He acted as the Mayor of Athens for two consecutive terms between 1995 and 2002. During this time he founded the Permanent Conference of the Mayors of the Capitals of Southeastern Europe, and was Chairman of the Central Union of Local Authorities of Greece. Mr. Avramopoulos was elected Member of Parliament under the New Democracy party in Greece in 2004, and acted as the Minister of Tourism of Development from this time until 2006. Following his role as Minister of Tourism of Development, he was appointed Minister of Health and Social Solidarity holding this role until 2009. He was appointed Minister of National Defence in 2011 after which he was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs in 2012. Most recently, in 2013, he assumed the role of Minister of Defence. Mr. Avramopoulos is married and has two sons.

Marianne Thyssen

Nationality, political group	Belgium, EPP
Portfolio	Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility
Responsibilities	DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (EMPL) Eurostat (ESTAT) European Agency for Occupational Safety and Health (EU-OSHA) European Centre for Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP) The European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound) The European Training Foundation (ETF)
Reports to	Vice-President Jyrki Katainen, Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness Vice-President Andrus Ansip, Digital Single Market Vice-President Valdis Dombrovskis, Euro and Social Dialogue Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva, Budget and Human Resources
Most recent position held	Member of European Parliament
Age	58
Her mandate will be focused on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Contributing to the jobs, growth and investment package to be presented within the first three months of the Commission's mandate ■ Supporting the Vice-President for the Euro and Social Dialogue in the project to streamline and reinforce the European Semester of economic policy coordination ■ Developing social impact assessments for any future conditional stability support programmes for Euro area countries ■ Ensuring that the Posting of Workers Directive is strictly implemented and initiating a targeted review of the Directive to prevent risks of social dumping



Biography

Ms. Marianne Thyssen was born on 24 July 1956 in Belgium. She obtained a Masters in Law from the Catholic University of Leuven in 1979. Between 1980 and 1988, she began her career as a legal advisor to Unizo, a union for self employed entrepreneurs, and MARKANT, a food sector trading body. In 1988, she became head of the Unizo research department.

Between 1986 and 1988, Ms. Thyssen was also a legal assistant to the private office of the Secretary of State for Health. She later became General Vice Chairman CD&V in 1996 and was later chairman of CD&V between 2008 and 2010. She was elected as an MEP in 1991 and made Vice Chairman of the EPP SME network in 1998. Between 2004 and 2009, she became the leader of the Belgian delegation to and vice chairman of the EPP ED parliamentary group. Ms. Thyssen has been a dedicated MEP. She was a member of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs since 1992, and sat in the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection from 2004 until 2009. She was an alternate in the Committees on the Environment and later in International Trade. Ms. Thyssen is married.

Pierre Moscovici

Nationality, political group	France, S&D
Portfolio	Economic and Financial Affairs, Taxation and Customs Union
Responsibilities	DG Economic and Financial Affairs (ECFIN) DG Taxation and Customs Union (TAXUD)
Reports to	Vice-President Jyrki Katainen, Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness Vice-President Andrus Ansip, Digital Single Market Vice-President Valdis Dombrovskis, Euro and Social Dialogue Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva, Budget and Human Resources
Most recent position held	Minister of Finance, France
Age	57
His mandate will be focused on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Setting out priorities and preparing concrete guidance in relation to the Stability and Growth Pact ■ Supporting in the project to streamline and reinforce the European Semester of economic policy coordination ■ Conducting a stability-oriented review of the “six-pack” and “two-pack” legislation ■ Considering proposals to encourage further structural reforms; a proposal for a more efficient external representation of our Economic and Monetary Union; as well as, for the medium-term, a re-balancing of the way in which conditional stability support is granted to Euro zone countries in difficulty ■ Continuing to improve the functioning of the internal market in indirect taxation and developing the definitive VAT system at EU level, as well as seeking to finalise negotiations on the Financial Transaction Tax and the Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base ■ Continuing to work against tax fraud, tax evasion and aggressive tax planning



Biography

Mr. Pierre Moscovici was born in Paris in 1957. He obtained a Masters degree in economics and political science, and went on to complete a postgraduate DEA in economic science and philosophy. He also studied at the Paris Institute of Political Studies and at the French National School of Administration (ENA), there becoming acquainted with Dominique Strauss Kahn and leaving in 1984. He then joined the Socialist Party and, in the same year, was appointed to the Court of Auditors and became part of the Group of Experts, becoming its chairman in 1986. In 1988, he was a Technical Adviser, and then Policy Officer, to Lionel Jospin in the Ministry of National Education. He joined the SP leadership in 1990 acting both as national secretary for studies and treasurer. From 1990 to 1994, he headed the department for Public Service Modernisation and Financing Department at the French Planning Office. Mr. Moscovici took up his first European post as an MEP in 1994 for the Party of European Socialists. In 1997, he returned to the French Parliament for Doubs, and became a Member of the Franche Comté Regional Council from 1998 to 2004. He was the Minister responsible for European Affairs in the Jospin government (1997–2002). Notably, during the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union during 2000, Moscovici chaired the intergovernmental meetings that led to the Nice European Council in December 2000 and the signing of the Treaty of Nice in February 2001. In 2002, Mr. Moscovici represented the French authorities at the Convention on the Future of Europe, and headed the Mouvement européen France from 2005 to 2006. In 2004, he became Vice President of the European Parliament and MEP once again. From 2007 until the present day, he is a member of the French National Assembly for Doubs, and has been the Minister for Finance and the Economy from May 2012 until April 2014. Mr. Moscovici's partner is Marie Charline Pacquot.

Christos Stylianides

Nationality, political group	Cyprus, EPP
Portfolio	Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management
Responsibilities	DG Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (ECHO) Parts of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)
Reports to	Vice-President Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Policy & Security Policy Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva, Budget and Human Resources
Most recent position held	Government Spokesperson of the Republic of Cyprus
Age	56
His mandate will be focused on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Maximising the impact of EU's humanitarian aid ■ Building close working relations with the key partners in our humanitarian work and in particular with UN agencies, the NGOs and civil society. ■ Building up the capacity of the Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC) to act as the hub for the Commission's crisis response system inside the EU ■ Strengthening the cooperation of civil protection authorities further to avoid duplication of efforts and promote joined-up solutions across Europe



Biography

Mr. Christos Stylianides was born in Cyprus in 1958. He graduated in Dental Surgery at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece in 1984. Mr. Stylianides has also completed postgraduate studies in International Development from the John Fitzgerald Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. He has supplemented this with postgraduate studies in Political Science, International Relations and European Institutions at Panteion University.

Mr. Stylianides is a dental surgeon by profession, but started his political career in 1998 when he became the Government Spokesperson of the Republic of Cyprus (under former President Glafcos Clerides). He was a senior member of Cypriot Government and a member of the President's delegation to EU accession talks and intercommunal negotiations for Cyprus's reunification. He was a Member of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly from 2006 to 2013, and was the elected Member of the Bureau of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in 2012. Mr. Stylianides was also elected Member of the OSCE PA Election Observation Missions.

From 2006 to 2013 Mr. Stylianides was a Member of the Cyprus House of Representatives. He was the Vice Chair of the Committee on European and Foreign Affairs. In addition, from 2006 to 2011 he acted as a Member of the Committee on European Affairs, the Committee of Internal Affairs and the Committee of Employment and Social Affairs.

In 2013, Mr. Stylianides was appointed Government Spokesperson of the Republic of Cyprus. During this time he participated in the proceedings of the Council of Ministers and the meetings of the National Council of Cyprus. Mr. Stylianides resigned from this position in 2014 in anticipation for the European Parliament elections in May. He was elected as a Member of the European Parliament as part of the Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats).

Mr. Stylianides is married to Thoula Charalambides and has one son.

Phil Hogan		
Nationality, political group	Ireland, EPP	
Portfolio	Agriculture and Rural Development	
Responsibilities	DG Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI) Parts of the Research Executive Agency (REA)	
Reports to	Vice-President Andrus Ansip, Digital Single Market Vice-President Alenka Bratusek, Energy Union Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva, Budget and Human Resources	
Most recent position held	Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government, Ireland	
Age	54	
His mandate will be focused on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Contributing to the jobs, growth and investment package ■ Implementing the recently agreed CAP reform so as to maximise its contribution to our jobs and growth agenda being particularly attentive to the principle of subsidiarity and to issues linked to the flexibility and simplification of CAP instruments ■ Reviewing the potential for further simplification in the areas of direct payments ■ Renewing efforts in the agricultural sector to contribute to energy efficiency and emissions reductions ■ Contributing to the 2016 review of the Multiannual Financial Framework to ensure that the CAP can contribute to the jobs, growth and investment package 	

Biography

Mr. Phil Hogan was born in Kilkenny in 1960. He attended University College Cork where he received a Bachelor of Arts and Higher Diploma in Education. Following this he established an auctioneering business in Kilkenny.

In 1987 and 1989, Mr. Hogan was elected to Seanad Éirann, the upper house of the Irish legislature, by the Industrial and Commercial Panel. In 1989, he was elected to Dáil Éireann, the lower house of the Irish legislature, and has retained his seat in every subsequent election since. Mr. Hogan was appointed Minister for State in the Department of Finance in 1994, however later resigned in 1995. Mr. Hogan was appointed Director of Organisation in Fine Gael in 2002, and served the same role after the 2007 general election. He acted as Fine Gael's spokesperson on Environment, Heritage and Local Government from 2007 to 2011.

Mr. Hogan has served as the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government since 2011. During this time he over saw the establishment of a Constituency Commission with revised terms of reference.

Mr. Hogan has one son.

Jonathan Hill

Nationality, political group	United Kingdom, ECR
Portfolio	Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union
Responsibilities	DG Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union European Banking Authority (EBA) European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA) European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) The European Systemic Risks Board (ESRB) Single Resolution Board (SRB)
Reports to	Vice-President Jyrki Katainen, Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness Vice-President Valdis Dombrovskis, Euro and Social Dialogue Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva, Budget and Human Resources
Most recent position held	Leader of the House of Lords, United Kingdom
Age	54
His mandate will be focused on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Contributing to the jobs, growth and investment package by outlining measures to improve the investment environment and long-term financing ■ Driving forward the regulatory framework to ensure resilience and stability in the financial services sector ■ Strengthening the securitisation markets ■ Ensuring the effective implementation of the financial services regulatory reform agenda including the accompanying delegated / implementing acts ■ Arrange for the Banking Union so that the Single Resolution Board is set up and operational on time ■ Reviewing the operation of the European Systemic Risk Board and the three Supervisory Agencies (ESAs), especially in relation to the Single Supervisory Mechanism and the Single Resolution Mechanism ■ Establishing a well regulated and integrated Capital Markets Union by 2019 ■ Contributing to the safety and modernisation of the Union's regulatory framework on digital/electronic payments



Biography

Mr. Jonathan Hill was born in London on 24 July 1960. He obtained his Masters in History from Trinity College, Cambridge. Between 1985 and 1986, he worked in the Conservative Research Department, subsequently becoming a special advisor to Kenneth Clarke MP at the Department of Employment, Department of Trade and Industry and Department of Health until 1989. He took up a role in the Number 10 Policy Unit in 1991, and later served as the political secretary to Prime Minister John Major during the negotiations of the Maastricht Treaty. In the intervening years, he worked as a public relations media consultant until, in 2010, he was created a Life Peer as Baron Hill of Oareford. He took an office as Parliamentary under secretary in the Department for Education. In January 2013, Hill was appointed Leader of the House of Lords.

Mr. Hill is married and has three children.

Elżbieta Bieńkowska

Nationality, political group	Poland, EPP
Portfolio	Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs
Responsibilities	DG Enterprise and Industry (ENTR) Parts of DG Internal Market and Services (MARKT) Parts of the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (EASME) European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) European Medicines Agency (EMA) Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market (OHIM)
Reports to	Vice-President Jyrki Katainen, Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness Vice-President Andrus Ansip, Digital Single Market Vice-President Valdis Dombrovskis, Euro and Social Dialogue Vice-President for the Energy Union, Alenka Bratusek Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva, Budget and Human Resources
Most recent position held	Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Infrastructure and Development, Poland
Age	50
His mandate will be focused on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Shaping a renewed strategy for completing the internal market for goods and services, including the review of the application and scope of mutual recognition in the single market ■ Contributing to the work on labour mobility ■ Raising the profile of industry in the economy, stimulating new technologies and improving the business environment including access to markets and to finance, most notably for SMEs ■ Identifying new sources of jobs and growth in the context of the European Semester for economic policy coordination ■ Assisting with the better regulation agenda



Biography

Ms Elżbieta Bieńkowska was born in Poland in 1964. She obtained a Masters degree in oriental philology from Jagiellonian University in 1989. She subsequently graduated from the Polish National School of Public Administration and completed the MBA postgraduate studies at the Warsaw School of Economics. Throughout her political career, he has been focused on the implementation of European funds in Poland. In 1999, she worked at the Department of Economy of the Katowice voivodeship, Poland, as a proxy for its development strategy. Between 1999 and 2007, she was the Director of the Regional Development Department for the Silesian voivodeship. She was made the Minister of Regional Development by Donald Tusk in 2007, and she became a senator in the parliamentary elections in 2011. On 27 November 2013, Ms. Bieńkowska was appointed Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Infrastructure and Development in Poland. She has been responsible for matters including the effective disbursement of European funds such as her work on the full absorption of EU funds from the budget for 2004 2006, and the distribution of almost EUR 68 billion received by Poland during 2007 2013. She is known for her work on removing the barriers to EU funds in Poland by simplifying and shortening procedures, as well as assisting with changes to environmental legislation and public procurement rules, which has led to Poland's reputation as one of the most efficient beneficiaries of EU funds. Ms. Bieńkowska is married and has three children.

Věra Jourová

Nationality, political group	Czech Republic, ALDE
Portfolio	Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality
Responsibilities	DG Justice (JUST) Parts of the Consumer, Health and Food Executive Agency (CHAFEA) EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) European Union Judicial Cooperation Unit (EUROJUST)
Reports to	First Vice-President Frans Timmermans, Better Regulation, Inter-institutional Relations, the Rule of Law, the Charter of Fundamental Rights Vice-President Andrus Ansip, Digital Single Market Vice-President Valdis Dombrovskis, Euro and Social Dialogue Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva, Budget and Human Resources
Most recent position held	Minister for Regional Development, Czech Republic
Age	50
Her mandate will be focused on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Supporting the first Vice-President for Better Regulation, Inter-institutional Relations, the Rule of Law and the Charter of Fundamental Rights, in concluding the accession of the EU to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms of the Council of Europe ■ Ensuring discrimination is fought and gender equality promoted, especially by considering how to unblock negotiations on the Commission proposal for the Horizontal Anti-Discrimination Directive ■ Contributing to the realisation of a connected digital single market, especially by ensuring the swift adoption of the EU data protection reform and by modernising and simplifying consumer rules for online and digital purchases ■ Concluding negotiations on the EU US data protection agreement, as well as reviewing the Safe Harbour arrangement ■ Coordinating all the Commission's work in criminal matters and reinforcing judicial cooperation in this field



Biography

Ms. Jourová was born in 1964 in Třebíč, Czech Republic. She graduated from Charles University from both the Department of the Theory of Culture and the Department of Law and Legal Science. In 1991, she worked as Deputy Director of the Civic Culture Centre in Třebíč, later working as the Secretary of the City Council. From 2000, she was employed at DHV ČR, working on human resources, regional development, economic policy and EU funds projects. Between 2001 and 2003, she was head of the Regional Development Section in the Regional Office of the Vysočina Region, and was subsequently made European Integration Deputy at the Ministry for Regional Development. From 2006, she worked within a consultancy on Euro grants. In 2013, she was made a Deputy in the Czech Parliament and currently acts as the Minister for Regional Development. She sits in the Chamber of Deputies for ANO.

Tibor Navracsics

Nationality, political group	Hungary, EPP
Portfolio	Education, Culture, Youth and Citizenship
Responsibilities	DG Education and Culture (EAC) Joint Research Centre (JRC) Parts of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) Parts of the Research Executive Agency (REA) European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) Publications Office of the European Union (OP)
Reports to	Vice-President Valdis Dombrovskis, Euro and Social Dialogue Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva, Budget and Human Resources
Most recent position held	Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary
Age	48
His mandate will be focused on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Contributing to the jobs, growth and investment package notably for aspects related to education infrastructure ■ Contributing to the European Semester of economic policy coordination as a vehicle for pursuing the modernisation of education systems ■ Promoting culture and innovation by promoting our cultural diversity and by helping Europe's culture sectors to reach out to new audiences, using the Creative Europe programme to best effect ■ Promoting networking and excellence among European universities with inter alia the U-Multirank platform and Erasmus+



Biography

Mr. Tibor Navracsics was born in Veszprém in 1966. He studied at the Faculty of Law at the University of ELTE and received his law degree in 1990. He passed his judicial exam in 1992 and received a PhD in political science in 1999, again at the University of ELTE. Mr. Navracsics was employed by Veszprém City Court as a Tribunal Clerk from 1990 to 1992. After this he served at Veszprém County Council as a Research Fellow. He took up lecturing positions at the Budapest University of Economics, the University of Brighton, and at the University of ELTE between 1993 to 1999.

Politically, Mr. Navracsics worked for the Prime Minister's Office as the Head of Communication and Information Department from 1998 to 2002. During this time, he was also the General Secretary of the Hungarian Political Science Association. Mr. Navracsics was appointed as Cabinet Chief to the President of the Fidesz of the Hungarian Civic Union in 2003 and served in this role for three years. Mr. Navracsics was elected Member of Parliament for Veszprém for the county list in 2006 and was a Member of the Committee for Constitutional and Judicial Affairs. He stayed in this role until 2010 when he was elected as Member of Parliament for Veszprém's individual constituency and was most recently the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Mr. Navracsics is married and has two children.

Corina Crețu

Nationality, political group Romania, S&D

Portfolio Regional Policy

Responsibilities DG Regional Policy (REGIO)

Reports to Vice-President Jyrki Katainen, Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness
Vice-President Andrus Ansip, Digital Single Market
Vice-President Valdis Dombrovskis, Euro and Social Dialogue
Vice-President Alenka Bratusek, Energy Union
Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva, Budget and Human Resources

Most recent position held MEP, Vice-President of the European Parliament

Age 47

Her mandate will be focused on:

- Contributing to the jobs, growth and investment package proposing ways of boosting the absorption of available funds and ensuring that the new partnership agreements with the Member States for the 2014-2020 funds are well-targeted with particular focus on the Energy Union and the Digital Single Market
- Ensuring effective coordination between all funds covered by the Common Strategic Framework
- Ensuring new conditionality provisions of the funds are respected
- Reviewing the performance of spending programmes
- Contributing to the 2016 review of the Multiannual Financial Framework by identifying ways of further increasing the focus of the European Structural and Investment Funds



Biography

Ms. Corina Crețu was born in Bucharest in 1967. She graduated from the Faculty of Economic Planning and Cybernetics at the Academy of Economic Studies of Bucharest in 1989 taking post graduate courses in areas such as community institutions, trans national security and political communication.

Initially working in industry, in 1992, she began her first post within the Spokesperson Cabinet for the Romanian President Ion Iliescu. From 1996, she was an expert to the Senate, and then returned in 2000 to head the Spokesperson Cabinet.

In 1996, Ms. Crețu became a member of the Party of Social Democracy of Romania (PDSR), and was later elected in 2013 to the Social Democratic Party Congress. Between 2005 and 2006, she was elected as a member in Romania's observer delegation to the European Parliament. From 2007, she was elected as a member of the European Parliament, later in the same year being elected as an MEP on behalf of the PSD. In the European Parliament, she is Vice President of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats Group and a member of the Development Committee, as well as acting on Delegations for the relations with the United States and Israel.

Margrethe Vestager

Nationality, political group	Denmark, ALDE
Portfolio	Competition
Responsibilities	DG Competition (COMP)
Reports to	<p>Vice-President Frans Timmermans, Better Regulation, Inter-Institutional Relations, the Rule of Law and the Charter of Fundamental Rights</p> <p>Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva, Budget and Human Resources</p> <p>Vice-President Jyrki Katainen, Jobs, Growth, Investment & Competitiveness</p> <p>Vice-President Andrus Ansip, Digital Single Market</p> <p>Vice-President Alenka Bratušek, Energy Union</p>
Most recent position held	Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Economic and Interior Affairs, Denmark
Age	46
Her mandate will be focused on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Mobilising competition policy tools and market expertise so that they contribute, as appropriate, to our jobs and growth agenda, including in areas such as the digital single market, energy policy, financial services, industrial policy and the fight against tax evasion ■ Pursuing the effective enforcement of completion legislation with regards to antitrust, cartels, mergers and State aid ■ Maintaining and enhancing the Commission's reputation world wide and promoting international cooperation in the field of competition policy



Biography

Ms. Margrethe Vestager was born in Glostrup, Denmark in 1968. Ms. Vestager graduated in economics from the University of Copenhagen in 1993. She worked inside the Ministry of Finance between 1993-1995 before working for the Agency for Financial Management and Administrative Affairs 1997-1998. Having been national chairwoman of the Danish Social Liberal Party from 1993-1997, Ms. Vestager was appointed Minister of Education and Church Affairs in 1998. She was subsequently first elected as a member of the Danish Parliament in 2001.

Margrethe Vestager became leader of the Danish Social Liberal Party in 2007, a position which she has held until her nomination as Denmark's Commissioner to the EU in August 2014. During Ms. Vestager's tenure as its leader, the Social Liberal Party almost doubled its representation in the Danish Parliament. Following the 2011 elections, the party joined the new centre left government lead by incoming Prime Minister and Social Democrat leader Helle Thorning Schmidt. Margrethe Vestager was subsequently appointed Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Economic and Interior Affairs in that government. Ms. Vestager has in depth experience of working with the EU institutions, most recently on the European Banking Union and the Capital Requirements Directive. In addition, she has extensive business experience – Ms. Vestager sat on the board of ID Sparinvest A/S from 1996 to 1998 and was a member of the Board of Advisors at Royal Greenland A/S, the world's largest supplier of cold water prawns, between 2004 and 2007.

Margrethe Vestager is married with three children.

Carlos Moedas

Nationality, political group	Portugal, EPP
Portfolio	Research, Innovation and Science
Responsibilities	Directorate-General for Research and Innovation (RTD) Parts of the European Research Council executive agency (ERCEA) Parts of the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME) Parts of the Innovation and Networks executive agency (INEA) Parts of the Research Executive Agency
Reports to	Vice –President Frans Timmermans, Better Regulation, Inter-Institutional Relations, the Rule of Law and the Charter of Fundamental Rights Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva, Budget and Human Resources Vice-President Jyrki Katainen, Jobs, Growth, Investment & Competitiveness Vice-President Andrus Ansip, Digital Single Market Vice-President Alenka Bratušek, Energy Union
Most recent position held	Secretary of State to the Portuguese Prime Minister
Age	44
Her mandate will be focused on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitating investment in education, research and innovation infrastructure and maximising synergies with the implementation of the European Structural and Investment Funds at national and regional level Coordinating and enhancing the synergies between projects funded under Horizon 2020 and the goals set out under the Digital Single Market and the European Energy Union Giving greater emphasis to applied research by developing stronger partnerships with the private sector and a special focus on SMEs.



Biography

Mr. Carlos Moedas was born in Beja, Portugal in 1970. He graduated in Civil Engineering from the Higher Technical Institute (Lisbon) in 1993 completing the final year of his studies at the École Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées, Paris. He worked in engineering for the Suez Lyonnaise des Eaux group in France until 1998 before undertaking an MBA from Harvard Business School. Between 2000 and 2004, Mr. Moeda worked at the European merger and acquisitions department at Goldman Sachs before returning to Portugal in 2004 to take up the position of Managing Director of Aguirre Newman. Carlos Moedas went on to form his own investment company, Crimson Investment Management, in 2008. With the onset of the Eurozone crisis, Mr. Moedas was asked to become coordinator of the economic research unit with the Portuguese Social Democratic Party (PSD). He was selected as a PSD candidate and subsequently elected to parliament in 2011. However, he ultimately only took his seat in parliament for one day resigning his position on being appointed Secretary of State to Prime Minister Pedro Passos Coelho. As Secretary of State, Mr. Moedas has had responsibility for overseeing ESAME, the Portuguese agency created to implement the structural reforms agreed between Portugal, the European Commission, the European Central Bank and the International Monetary Fund. Carlos Moedas stepped down as Secretary of State in August 2014 having been nominated by Prime Minister Passos Coelho as the Portuguese European Commissioner.

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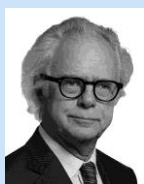


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