

The new European Commission

Allocation of portfolio to the nominated Commissioners

10th September 2019

Introduction and assessment

- On 10th of September 2019, Commission President-elect Ursula von der Leyen presented her team of Commission Vice-Presidents and Commissioners based on the nominations by the EU Member States. The Commission President is proposing a European Commission based on gender equality with an almost equal number of male and female Commissioners. The Commission President underlined that she is striving for and flexible, modern and agile European Commission, focused on work in policy clusters and based on tasks.
- The nominated EU Commission Vice-Presidents will be in charge of the main themes of the political guidelines of the new European Commission: A European Green Deal, An economy that works for people, a Europe fit for the digital age, protecting the European way of life, a stronger Europe in the world, a new push for European democracy. In addition to overseeing a general political priority of the European Commission, three Vice-Presidents will be also responsible for a specific portfolio linked to the priority.
- Besides the Commission President, the new European Commission will include 8 Vice-Presidents (including three Executive Vice-Presidents) and 18 Commissioners. By appointing eight Vice-Presidents, von der Leyen might face critics of having created a Commission College with too many leaders. Eastern Europe is rather strongly represented among the Commission Vice-Presidents, which was most certainly done to take account of criticisms after the appointment of the leading persons for the other EU institutions.
- Commissioner for employment and social affairs will be Nicolas Schmitt (Luxembourg) a current Member of the European Parliament and former Minister of Labour of Luxembourg.
- The candidates for the European Commission will now be subject to political hearings in the European Parliament in the respective committees. In October 2019, the College of Commissioners shall be elected by the European Parliament.

Composition of the European Commission

Candidate	Country	Portfolio	Background
President			
Ursula von der Leyen	Germany	European Commission President	Former Defence Minister in the Merkel Government and several other positions in previous governments
Vice-Presidents			
Frans Timmermans	Netherlands	Executive Vice-President for European Green Deal and EU Commissioner for climate action policy	Commission Vice-President in the Juncker Commission. S&D lead candidate in the EP elections
Margrethe Vestager	Denmark	Executive Vice-President for making Europe fit for the digital age, use AI and digitalisation and Commissioner for competition	Commission Vice-President in the Juncker Commission. Renew Europe lead candidate in the EP elections

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Vice-Presidents			
Valdis Dombrovskis	Latvia	Executive Vice-President in charge of an economy that works for people and Commissioner for Financial Services	Commission Vice-President in the Juncker Commission
Josep Borrell	Spain	EU High Representative for foreign and security policy and member of the European Commission in charge of the priority of building a stronger Europe in the World	Currently Spanish Minister for foreign affairs
Vera Jourova	Czech Republic	Vice-President in charge of Values and Transparency	Commissioner in the Juncker Commission
Margaritis Schinas	Greece	Vice-President in charge of protection European way of life	Former Member of the European Parliament and long-serving Commission official
Marcos Sefcovic	Slovakia	Vice-President in charge of Inter-institutional relations and foresight	Vice-President in the Juncker Commission
Dubravka Suica	Croatia	Vice-President for Democracy and Demography	Member of the European Parliament

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Commissioners			
Johannes Hahn	Austria	Budget and administration	Commissioner in the Juncker Commission
Didier Reynders	Belgium	Justice, including the rule of law	Former national Finance Minister
Mariya Gabriel	Bulgaria	Innovation and youth	Commissioner in the Juncker Commission
Stella Kyriakides	Cyprus	Health	Medical psychologist with experience in the field of social affairs
Kadri Simson	Estonia	Energy	Long serving member of the Estonian parliament
Jutta Urpilainen	Finland	International partnerships	Former Finance Minister and member of the national parliament
Sylvie Goulard	France	Internal Market, industrial policy and digital single market	Former Member of the European Parliament
László Trócsányi	Hungary	Neighbourhood & enlargement	Former Minister of Justice in Hungary
Phil Hogan	Ireland	Trade	Commissioner under Juncker
Paolo Gentiloni	Italy	Economy	Former Italian Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign affairs
Virginijus Sinkevicius	Lithuania	Environment and Oceans	Former Minister for Economy and Innovation
Nicolas Schmit	Luxembourg	Employment and jobs	Member of the European Parliament and former minister of labour
Helena Dalli	Malta	Gender equality	Minister for Social Dialogue, Consumer Affairs and Civil liberties
Janusz Wojciechowski	Poland	Agriculture	MEP and Member of the European Court of Auditors
Elisa Ferreira	Portugal	Cohesion and reforms	Vice-Governor of the national Bank of Portugal
Rovana Plumb	Romania	Transport	Member of the European Parliament and former national Minister
Janez Lenarcic	Slovenia	Crisis management	Slovenian diplomat
Ylva Johansson	Sweden	Home affairs	National minister for Employment

The UK has not nominated a Commissioner in the light of Brexit and is therefore not part of the proposed College of EU Commissioners.