

2019 to 2024

The new EU Commission at a glance

A large majority of members of the European Parliament voted in favour of Ursula von der Leyen's EU Commission. However, three candidates were rejected by the EP in the run-up to the negotiations on the new Commissioners. Following we present the entire team of politicians from almost all member states in the European Union.



Ursula von der Leyen
Germany
President

A physician by training, *von der Leyen* had been Germany's Defence Minister until 2019. As the first woman to head the EU Commission, she must represent Europe in the world, balancing the interests of larger and smaller member states. Her topics: climate change, the digital transformation, social justice, trade agreements focusing on sustainable development.



Frans Timmermans
Netherlands
Executive Vice President
European Green Deal

Timmermans had been *Jean-Claude Juncker's* deputy and will coordinate the work on the European Green Deal with the aim of making Europe the first climate-neutral continent. Europe should be at the forefront of environmental change and export its knowledge, technologies and best practices.



Josep Borrell
Spain
Vice President
A Stronger Europe in the World

Having served as Foreign Minister in Spain until 2019, *Borrell* will work to ensure that the EU is more united externally in order to better represent its own interests – also in competition with China and the United States, whose rivalry is a hot topic in Brussels.



Kadri Simson
Estonia
Energy

Simson was the Estonian Minister of Economy and Infrastructure and is tasked to ensure that a secure and sustainable energy supply at competitive prices is guaranteed in the EU.



Margrethe Vestager
Denmark
Executive Vice President
A Europe Fit for the Digital Age

The previous European Commissioner for Competition who will coordinate the digital transformation and be responsible for competition with the support of the relevant Directorate-General. *Vestager's* aim is the creation of digital networks within the EU and the expansion of communication networks. Other tasks include protection against cyberattacks and cybercrime.



Valdis Dombrovskis
Latvia
Executive Vice President
An Economy that Works for People

As one of six vice presidents of the *Juncker* Commission, the Latvian had been responsible for the Euro and for social dialogue. In future he will coordinate the economic agenda of the EU. He is also Commissioner for Financial Services and will therefore be responsible for European banking and finance.



Thierry Breton
France
Internal market

Breton was Minister of Economy and Finance under President *Jacques Chirac* and, most recently, Managing Director at Atos, an IT service provider. His responsibilities include projects

for the European internal market, such as the establishment of a capital market union and a digital internal market. He will also be responsible for the new Directorate-General for Defence and Space.



Johannes Hahn
Austria
Budget and Administration

Hahn is the most experienced Commissioner: he was in charge of the European Neighbourhood Policy and of enlargement negotiations. He will now become master of EU treasury,

managing expenditures and providing funds to Commission services. He will also draw up the Commission's budgets.



Věra Jourová
Czech Republic
Vice President
Values and Transparency

Jourová was Commissioner for Justice and thus responsible, among other things, for the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). She was very

active in the EU Commission's fight against disinformation and discrimination. She will now monitor the status of core values in all EU countries, such as the rule of law and human rights.



Didier Reynders
Belgium
Justice

Reynders had been Foreign Minister of his country (most recently also responsible for defence). Before that, he had held the office of Finance Minister for twelve years. He will now be responsible for all aspects of European justice policy.



Phil Hogan
Ireland
Commerce

Hogan has been Commissioner for Agriculture since 2014. He will now be in charge of trade with non-EU countries. To this end, he will have to deal with the rules governing exports

from and imports into the EU, but also with strengthening relations with key trading partners. *Hogan* will probably also be responsible for post-Brexit negotiations with Great Britain and for trade relations with the United States.



Marija Gabriel
Bulgaria
Innovation, Research, Culture,
Education and Youth

Gabriel was previously responsible for the digital economy and digital society. She will be responsible for awarding grants for research and science projects, supporting cultural and creative industries,

the digital transformation and the promotion of sports.



Margaritis Schinas
Greece
Vice-President
Promoting our European Way of Life

For almost five years, *Schinas* was chief spokesperson of the *Juncker* Commission and the most important contact for the Brussels press corps.

His job will be the preservation of what makes Europe special in the eyes of Europeans. *Schinas* is also tasked with curbing external influences – including those related to migration – but also with organizing the reception of refugees in need of protection.



Virginijus Sinkevičius
Lithuania
Environment, Oceans and Fisheries

Sinkevičius had been the Lithuanian Minister of Economics and Innovation since late 2017. He will be responsible for EU environmental policy. In addition, he will deal with

all matters concerning the oceans – fishery as well as the preservation of natural marine resources.



Jutta Urpilainen
Finland
International Partnerships

Until 2014, *Urpilainen* was Chair of the Social Democratic Party (SDP) and Finance Minister in the cabinet of conservative Prime Minister *Jyrki Katainen*. Continued as ordinary MP

after losing her office as party leader. She will now assume responsibility for the EU's development policy, including the implementation of Agenda 2030 for sustainable development.



Dubravka Šuica
Croatia
Democracy and Demography

Former mayor of Dubrovnik and member of the conservative, formerly nationalist, party HDZ. Member of the European Parliament since 2013. She will be responsible for democracy

and demography in the role of Vice President.



Janusz Wojciechowski
Poland
Agriculture

Previously Member of the European Court of Auditors. 64-year-old *Wojciechowski* was a secondary nomination by the government in Warsaw. The anti-corruption authority Olaf is

to investigate *Wojciechowski* for alleged irregularities in the reimbursement of travel expenses from his time as an MEP. In future he will be responsible for the common agricultural policy of the member states and for structural measures in rural areas.



Helena Dalli
Malta
Equality

Dalli took over as Minister for Social Dialogue, Civil Rights and Consumer Affairs in 2013. During this time she got the world's first law to protect the rights of intersexual persons passed.

A sociologist with a Ph.D. Degree, she transferred to the post of Minister for EU Affairs and Equality in 2017. Her task will be to counter discrimination and promote equal treatment.



Oliver Varhelyi
Hungary
Neighbourhood and Enlargement

Varhelyi, a lawyer, has represented his country as a permanent representative to the EU. His future task will be to devote himself to the European Neighbourhood Policy, on which basis

he is to cultivate relations with the EU's immediate eastern and southern neighbours. This portfolio is also responsible for negotiations with potential candidate countries.



Elisa Ferreira
Portugal
Cohesion and Reforms

Most recently Vice President of the Central Bank of Portugal, *Ferreira* has particular expertise in the fields of economics, finance and taxation. She will oversee the EU's regional investment policy. In order to reduce economic and social disparities in the EU, financial resources are being channelled primarily to regions and states with less developed structures.



Janez Lenarčič
Slovenia
Crisis management

Lenarčič has been Permanent Ambassador of his country to the EU. *Lenarčič* has been awarded the highest French medal, the Legion of Honour. He will be responsible for providing aid to people affected by natural disasters and crises.



Ylva Johansson
Sweden
Home Affairs

Johansson has been the Swedish Minister for Employment. As "interior minister" of the European Union, she will focus on the issues of migration and asylum as well as

on securing the EU's external borders and guaranteeing internal security.



Paolo Gentiloni
Italy
Economy

From 2016 to 2018, political scientist *Gentiloni* served as the 57th Prime Minister of Italy. Under Romano Prodi, he was Minister of Communications, and under *Matteo Renzi*, Minister of Foreign Affairs. His task will be to assist economic growth in the European single market and to promote the coordination of the economic policies of the EU member states in order to achieve a more efficient functioning of the Economic and Monetary Union.

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Romania
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Nicolas Schmit
Luxembourg
Jobs and Social Rights

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Maroš Šefčovič
Slovakia
Vice President,
Interinstitutional Relations and
Foresight

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Stella Kyriakides
Cyprus
Health

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