



# The New College of Commissioners

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# College of Commissioners 2019-2024



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**Margrethe Vestager (RE)**  
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**Virginijus Sinkevičius (Ind.)**  
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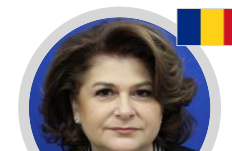
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**Elisa Ferreira (S&D)**  
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**Rovana Plumb (S&D)**  
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*Crisis Management*



**Yvona Johansson (S&D)**  
*Home Affairs*

# The New Structure of the European Commission



**A four-layer team:** The new College of Commissioners will be composed of the President, 3 Executive Vice-Presidents (VPs), 5 Vice-Presidents and 18 Commissioners. Executive VPs will lead large cross-sectoral portfolios, coordinating the work across sectors in addition to specific areas of work assigned to them:

- Frans Timmermans (the Netherlands) will coordinate the **'green' agenda**, as well as the **climate action** portfolio.
- Margrethe Vestager (Denmark) will coordinate the **digital agenda** and keep her **competition** portfolio.
- Valdis Dombrovskis (Latvia) will coordinate the **economic area** and retain his **financial services** portfolio.



**Six Commissioners groups:** The President will establish six Commissioners groups (i.e. clusters) that will be chaired by the relevant Executive VPs or VPs. They correspond to the **six headline ambitions** of the new Commission, which are interlocking and part of the same mission.

- A European Green Deal
- A Europe fit for the Digital Age
- An Economy that Works for People
- Protecting our European Way of Life
- A Stronger Europe in the World
- A New Push for European Democracy



**A geopolitical Commission:** The new Commission aims to be a **more political EU executive**. This is evidenced by the planned structure and policy priorities, all focused on digitalisation, environmental sustainability and defining the EU's role in the world vis-à-vis the US and China. In fact, to ensure that the **Union's external action** becomes more strategic and coherent, it will be systematically discussed and decided on by the College.



**New approach:** The Commission will develop a new instrument to deliver on a **"One In, One Out" principle**. Every legislative proposal creating new burdens should relieve people and businesses of an equivalent existing burden at EU level in the same policy area. In addition, the Commission aims to become a **digitally transformed**, user-focused and data-driven administration.

# Policy Implications – Economy and Finance

## Financial Services

Incumbent Commission Vice-President, in charge of Financial Services.

Former Prime Minister of Latvia (2009-2014) and Minister of Finance (2002-2004).



Valdis Dombrovskis



**Ensures continuity** in the financial services agenda and economic portfolios overall, which he will oversee as Executive Vice-President (with extended portfolio covering anti-money laundering, FinTech, sanctions).

Tasked with pursuing the **Capital Markets Union, Sustainable Finance agenda, completion of Banking Union.**

As regards third countries, will work with Trade Commissioner Hogan. Asked by the President to pay particular attention to EU trade and **economic relations with competitors and strategic partners.**

## Economy

Former Italian Prime Minister (2016-2018).

Former Prime Minister of Foreign Affairs (2014-2016) and Communications (2006-2008).



Paolo Gentiloni



Given Italy's economic situation, will be crucial for a more **lenient implementation of the fiscal rules** (Stability and Growth Pact & European Semester).

Tasked with leading work on the design of a **European Unemployment Benefit Reinsurance Scheme** and launching the InvestEU programme.

Will be responsible for finding agreement on **digital tax at international level**, and with leading efforts on making a common consolidated corporate tax base and fighting tax fraud.



As Commissioner for **Competition** and Executive VP for **Digital**, will also have interests on the FinTech agenda.

Margrethe Vestager



Now leading **Trade**, will be a broker between Irish and EU interests, collaborating with Executive Vice-President Dombrovskis.

Phil Hogan



As **Internal Market** Commissioner, she is asked to push for a more ambitious industrial policy around European 'champions'.

Sylvie Goulard



As Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms, she will be in charge of overseeing the **eurozone budget.**

Elisa Ferreira



# Policy Implications – Trade

Former Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development.  
Former Minister for the Environment (2011-2014)  
and MP (1989-2014).

Phil Hogan



As Agriculture Commissioner, he has taken **an active and high-profile role in recent EU trade negotiations** (e.g. EU-Japan, FTA having negotiated significant market access for EU-agri products).

Priorities include negotiating FTAs and managing the EU's **relations with key powers** such as the US (he is unlikely to herald any change in the EU's current position about keeping agriculture off the table) and China, as well as the EU being more assertive in defending its interests against unfair trade practices.

One change to note is that **sustainability and climate change** will feed into all areas of their work as an overarching theme in the new Commission. **Brexit** is not mentioned in the letter, but it is clear that Mr Hogan will play a leading role in the eventual negotiations on the EU's future trade relationship with the UK.



As Commissioner for **Competition** and Executive VP for **Digital**, she will work with the Trade and Internal Market Commissioners on tackling competition policy-related aspects of foreign state ownership and subsidies.

Margrethe Vestager



As Executive VP for **Economy and Financial Services**, he will have to ensure a level playing field in economic relations with partners. Will also have oversight of EU sanctions policy and will lead the competitiveness strategy.

Valdis Dombrovskis



As **Internal Market** Commissioner, also in charge of Defense and Space, she is asked to push for a more ambitious industrial policy around European 'champions'.

Sylvie Goulard





# Policy Implications – European Green Deal

**Frans Timmermans** as an incumbent Executive Vice President of the European Commission in charge of coordinating work on a European Green Deal as well as overseeing the work of DG Climate Action.

Former EC Vice President and Commissioner for the Rule of Law. He was one of the contestant for the EC Presidency and put decarbonization on top of his campaign.



Frans Timmermans



Sustainability and climate change are horizontal policy themes of the new Commission that aims to **turn Europe into the world's first climate-neutral continent by 2050**. Timmermans will oversee the development of an EU Climate Law and several new or updated environment strategies within the first 100 days.

It is an overarching objective which requires **coordination of the work of Commissioners** for Energy, Transport, Environment and Oceans, Cohesion and Reforms, Agriculture and Health.

**Main objectives:**

- Adopting a European Climate Law to reach climate neutrality, incl. a increased emission reduction target of at least 50% by 2030.
- Establishing Just Transition Fund for industrial, coal and heavy-industry regions.
- Ensuring rapid implementation of energy-efficiency and renewable-energy laws.
- Expanding the scope of the Emission Trading Scheme to include maritime.
- Putting forward a Strategy for Sustainable and Smart Mobility.
- Establishing European Zero-Pollution Ambition looking at air, water and noise.



As Commissioner for **Energy**, Simson will contribute to thorough implementation of EU energy laws.

**Kadri Simson**



Plumb will be responsible for **Transport**, and she will work on **sustainable and smart mobility & Zero-Pollution Ambition**.

**Rovana Plumb**



As Commissioner for **Environment and Oceans**, Sinkevičius will push for an ambitious **Circular Economy Action Plan**

**Virginijus Sinkevičius**



Responsible for **Cohesion and Reforms**, Ferreira will design and put forward a **Just Transition Fund**

**Elisa Ferreira**



Wojciechowski responsible for **Agriculture** portfolio, will work on concluding negotiations on reformed **CAP**.

**Janusz Wojciechowski**



As Commissioner for **Health**, Kyriakides will be in charge of presenting a **'Europe's Beating Cancer Plan'**.

**Stella Kyriakides**



# Policy Implications – Health

## Health

Health Commissioner designate, previously member of the Cypriot Parliament.

Psychologist by training, she has been involved in several initiatives against cancer,

Appointed as President of the National Committee on Cancer Strategy in 2017,

Stella Kyriakides



In her new role, she will be tasked with **supporting the European pharmaceutical industry**, ensuring the supply of affordable medicines, creating a **European Health Data Space** and putting forward **Europe's Beating Cancer Plan**.

On the food safety front, she will lead on a **'Farm to Fork' strategy** for sustainable food, improving consumer information and developing a strategy with concrete measures against food fraud.

## Interinstitutional Relations and Foresight

Previously European Commission Vice-President for the Energy Union and EU Space policy.

He will be in charge of Interinstitutional Relations and Foresight and will take care of the better regulation agenda.

Already in the past in charge of interinstitutional relationships,

Maroš Šefčovič



Šefčovič already served as Commissioner for **interinstitutional Relations** in 2010-2014, in this capacity he dealt with the consolidation of Administrative reform, personnel and administration, European Schools and security.

In the new Commission, his mission will be to **improve Interinstitutional relations**, work on **better policy making** and **strategic foresight**.

As part of this work, he should play an active role in the **Conference on the Future of Europe**.

# Policy Implications – Competition and Energy

## Competition

Incumbent Competition Commissioner.  
Former Minister for Economic and Interior Affairs (2011–14).

Margrethe Vestager



Vestager has been granted an expanded portfolio by the President-elect and she will be looking to continue her competition work, but with a **broader focus on the digital single market** and the formation of a **long-term strategy for Europe's industrial future**. She has also been tasked with coordinating the **work on digital taxation**.

She has been asked to push for an improvement of **digitalization in business-to-consumer**, coordinate work on an **AI strategy** and on a **Digital Services Act**, improving **cybersecurity** and **technological sovereignty**.

## Energy

Member of the Estonian Parliament, Chairman of the Estonian Centre Party faction and Leader of the Estonian NATO Parliamentary Assembly Delegation  
Minister of Economic Affairs and Infrastructure (2016-2019).

Kadri Simson



She is expected to push for a rapid implementation of **energy-efficiency** and **renewable-energy legislation**, deployment of **clean energy** and **interconnectivity**.

Simson should also work to **support regional cooperation** and **transitioning towards a carbon-neutral economy**.



# Policy Implications – Digital and Technology (I)

## Digital

Incumbent Competition Commissioner.  
Former Minister for Economic and Interior Affairs (2011–14).

Margrethe Vestager



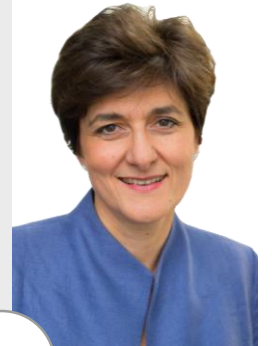
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## Internal Market

Former Minister of the Armed Services (2017), former MEP (2009-17),  
Deputy Governor of the Bank of France (since 2018).

Sylvie Goulard



She will be in charge of internal market and industrial policy, lead the work on **Artificial Intelligence** and the **Digital Single Market**. She will also lead a new department for defense industry and space that will include parts of the **cybersecurity policy**.

She is expected to be very much pushing for a more **ambitious industrial policy** around 'European Champions'.

# Policy Implications – Digital and Technology (II)

## Values and Transparency

Former Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality Commissioner since 2014.

She was responsible for data protection and consumer rights online, fighting discrimination, and negotiating with the US on data protection agreements.

**Věra Jourová**



In her new capacity, she is expected to help leading digital policy in the bloc, specifically **data protection policies**.

She will also be in charge of ensuring **media pluralism** and of coordinating the **European Democracy Action Plan**.

## Innovation and Youth

Former Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society since 2017. Former MEP (2009-17).

She has directly worked on proposals aimed at completing the Digital Single Market, making Europe more trusted and secure online, and supporting the European media and content industry.

**Mariya Gabriel**



She is expected to retain the audiovisual portfolio and promote creative industries.

Gabriel will ensure agreement and full implementation of the future **Horizon Europe programme**, and and to lead on **updating of the Digital Education Action Plan**.

## Justice

Former Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, and of Defence since 2011.

Former Minister of Finance (2001-11).

**Didier Reynders**



Will support Jourová, contribute to the human and ethical implications of **AI**, lead on **consumer protection** and in the full implementation and enforcement of the **GDPR**, as well as promote it as a global model. Will also be responsible for Security Union, including **e-Evidence**.

## Home Affairs

Minister for Employment and Integration since 2014.

Former Minister for Schools (1994-98) and Welfare and Elderly Healthcare (2004-06).

**Ylva Johansson**



As Commissioner for Home Affairs, she is expected to focus on the legislation on the **prevention of terrorism**, including financing. She will also continue efforts to prevent and **remove hate speech and terrorist content online**.

## Next Steps

- I. **From 30 September until 8 October** – European Parliament to hold hearings with candidates for Commissioners
- II. **From 21 to 24 October** – European Parliament to vote and to formally approve the College of Commissioners (including High Representative)
- III. **1 November\*** – Scheduled date for New Commission to take office

*\* The European Parliament must approve the College of Commissioners as a whole before the new Commission takes office.*





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