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JEAN-CLAUDE
JUNCKER

*09.12.1954



Luxembourg

FORMER OCCUPATION:

Prime Minister of Luxembourg

Jean Claude-Juncker served as Prime Minister of Luxembourg from 1995 to 2013 and thus was the longest-serving head of government in any European Union member state. Other stations of his career include the office of Luxembourg's Minister for Finances from 1989 to 2009 and permanent President of the Eurogroup from 2005 to 2013.

” *I want to work for a Union that is committed to democracy and reform; that is not meddlesome but works for its citizens rather than against them. I want to work for a Union that delivers.* >> SOURCE

Jean-Claude Juncker studied law at the University of Strasbourg and obtained a Master's degree in Law.

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FIRST VICE PRESIDENT



FRANS
TIMMERMANS

*06.05.1961



Netherlands

FORMER OCCUPATION:

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands

Frans Timmermans served as Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs since 2012 and State Secretary for European Affairs from 2007 to 2010. Other stations of his career include Member of the House of Representatives from 1998 to 2007 and from 2010 to 2012 and Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe from 2002 to 2003.

” *The EU does not take away who and what we are, it enables us to be who we want to be in a world full of challenges.* >> SOURCE

Frans Timmermans obtained a Master's degree in French Literature from the Radboud University Nijmegen. Also, he holds a Master's degree in European Law from the University of Lorraine in Nancy.

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VICE PRESIDENT



FEDERICA
MOGHERINI

High Representative of the
Union for Foreign Policy and
Security Policy

*16.06.1973



Italy



FORMER OCCUPATION:

Minister of Foreign Affairs of Italy

Federica Mogherini served as Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs since February 2014 and a Member of the National Secretariat of the Democratic Party since 2013. Other stations of her career include Member of the Chamber of Deputies from 2008 to 2013 and member of the national Secretariat of the Democratic Party from 2007 to 2008 and in 2009.

“ My clear and firm intention is to devote all my energy and dedication to work in the interests of all member states and all EU citizens. >> SOURCE

Federica Mogherini studied political science at the Sapienza University of Rome and completed an Erasmus exchange semester in Aix-en-Provence, France.



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ANDRUS
ANSIP

Digital Single Market

*01.10.1958



Estonia



FORMER OCCUPATION:

Prime Minister of Estonia

Andrus Ansip served as Prime Minister of Estonia from 2005 to 2014 and Chairman of the Estonian Reform Party from 2004 to 2014. Other stations of his career include Minister of Economic Affairs from 2004 to 2005 and mayor of Tartu from 1998 to 2004.

“ We have by far not taken full advantage of all the opportunities offered by the common market in a way which would give a stronger push towards economic development and creation of jobs. >> SOURCE

Andrus Ansip obtained a University degree in Chemistry from the University of Tartu. He also worked in the banking and investment sector, as well as for Radio Tartu.



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VALDIS
DOMBROVSKIS

The Euro and
Social Dialogue

*05.08.1971



Latvia

FORMER OCCUPATION:

Prime Minister of Latvia

Valdis Dombrovskis served as Prime Minister of Latvia from 2009 to 2013 and Minister of Finance from 2002 to 2004. Other stations of his career include Member of the Latvian Parliament from 2002 to 2004 and Member of the European Parliament from 2004 to 2009.

” *In order to sustain our influence and enlarge our influence, we'll need to change. I hope the EU is maintaining this readiness to address these issues and to change according to the changing world.* >> SOURCE

Valdis Dombrovskis studied economics for engineers at the Technical University in Riga and obtained a Master's degree in Physics from the University of Latvia. He also worked as research assistant at several universities.



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VICE PRESIDENT



KRISTALINA
GEORGIEVA

Budget and Human
Resources

*13.08.1953



Bulgaria

FORMER OCCUPATION:

European Commissioner for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response

Kristalina Georgieva serves as European Commissioner since 2010. Other stations of her career include Vice President and Corporate Secretary of the World Bank Group, where she also served as Resident Representative in Russia from 2004 to 2007. Further, she was an associated professor in the economics department of the University of National and World Economy in Bulgaria.

” *We need to get a mindset to turn around our future towards more security and stability for our children. We in Europe are taking very important steps in this direction.*

>> SOURCE

Kristalina Georgieva holds a PhD in Economics from the University of National and World Economy in Sofia.



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JYRKI
KATAINEN

Jobs, Growth,
Investment and
Competitiveness

*14.10.1971



Finland



FORMER OCCUPATION:

Prime Minister of Finland, European Commissioner for Finance

Jyrki Katainen served as Finnish Prime Minister from 2011 to 2014 and European Commissioner for Finance since July 2014. Other stations of his career include Deputy Prime Minister of Finland and Minister of Finance from 2007 to 2011. He also served as Vice-President of the EPP from 2006 to 2012 and President of the Youth of the EPP from 1990 to 2000.

” *Our most important challenge today is to create the right conditions for a sustainable recovery of the European economy, for growth and for jobs* >> SOURCE

Jyrki Katainen holds a Master's degree in Political Science from the University of Tampere and studied at the University of Leicester.



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MAROŠ
ŠEFČOVIČ

Energy Union

*24.07.1966



Slovakia



FORMER OCCUPATION:

European Commissioner for Inter-Institutional Relations and Administration, MEP

Maroš Šefčovič served as Commissioner for Education from 2009 to 2010 and European Commissioner for Inter-Institutional Relations and Administration from 2010 to 2014. Other stations of his career include Slovak Permanent Representative to the EU from 2004 to 2009 and Director General on European Affairs in the Slovak Foreign Ministry.

” *After elections we should respect democratic choice, proceed swiftly with Commission President nomination, focus on citizens priorities and avoid institutional battles.* >> SOURCE

Maroš Šefčovič studied at the University of Economics in Bratislava. He obtained a Doctor of Law and a PhD from the Comenius University of Bratislava.



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COMMISSIONER



VYTENIS POVILAS
ANDRIUKAITIS

Health and Food Safety

*09.08.1951



Lithuania



FORMER OCCUPATION:

Minister of Health of Lithuania

Vytenis Andriukaitis served as Lithuanian Minister of Health and Member of the Lithuanian Parliament since 2012 as well as Deputy Chairman of the LSDP since 2001. Other stations of his career include member of the board of the Seimas from 2000 to 2004 and member of the Convention on the Future of Europe from 2002 to 2003.

” Working together with the newly-elected European Parliament and the new European Commission striving to build a more efficient European Union will undoubtedly be a significant challenge. >> SOURCE

Vytenis Andriukaitis studied medicine at Kaunas Medical Institute and is a specialised surgeon. Also, he obtained a teacher speciality in history and political science from the Vilnius State University.



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COMMISSIONER



MIGUEL
ARIAS CAÑETE

Climate Action
and Energy

*24.02.1950



Spain



FORMER OCCUPATION:

Minister of Agriculture, Food and Environment of Spain, MEP

Miguel Arias Cañete served as a Member of the European Parliament since 2014 and Spanish Minister of Agriculture, Food and Environment from 2011 to 2014. Other stations of his career include Member of the European Parliament from 1986 to 1999 and Minister of Agriculture and Fishing from 2000 to 2004.

” Supporting Juncker is to place a bet on a strong European Commission which responds to the concerns of the citizens. >> SOURCE

Miguel Arias Cañete studied law at the Complutense University of Madrid and worked as a government lawyer.



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COMMISSIONER



DIMITRIS AVRAMOPOULOS

Migration,
Home Affairs and Citizenship

*06.06.1953



FORMER OCCUPATION:

Minister for National Defence of Greece

Dimitris Avramopoulos served as Greek Defence Minister since 2013 and Vice-President of the New Democracy Party since 2010. Other stations of his career include Minister for Foreign Affairs from 2012 to 2013, Minister for National Defence from 2011 to 2012 and Minister for Health and Social Solidarity from 2007 to 2009.

” *In times of crises, the European Union should reinforce its role as a source of political stability, prosperity and security, not only in a regional, but also in a global scale.*

>> SOURCE

Dimitris Avramopoulos studied public law and political science at Athens' University and obtained a Master's degree in European Studies from the Free University of Brussels. He also worked as a diplomat.



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COMMISSIONER



ELŻBIETA BIENKOWSKA

Internal Market, Industry,
Entrepreneurship and SMEs

*04.02.1964



FORMER OCCUPATION:

Deputy Prime Minister of Poland

Elżbieta Bieńkowska served as Polish Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Infrastructure and Development since 2013. Other stations of her career include Minister of Regional Development from 2007 to 2013 and Director of the Regional Development Department at the Office of the Marshal of Silesian Voivodeship from 1999 to 2007.

” *The crisis has shown all too clearly that market forces alone do not adequately address all our collective needs.*

>> SOURCE

Elżbieta Bieńkowska obtained a Master's degree in Oriental Philology from the Jagiellonian University in Krakow as well as an MBA from the Warsaw School of Economics.



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VIOLETA
BULC

Transport

*24.01.1964



Slovenia



FORMER OCCUPATION:

Deputy Prime Minister

Violeta Bulc has been Slovenian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister responsible for development since September 2014. Other noteworthy stations of her career include Chief of the Program Committee of the SMC Party, owner and founder of a business consultancy as well as Vice President of the telecommunications provider Telemach and Director for Telekom Slovenia.

“ *I can promise you my energy, spirit of innovation and readiness to work closely and openly with all members of the European Parliament* >> SOURCE

Violeta Bulc studied at the University of Ljubljana and obtained a Master of Science at the Golden Gate University in San Francisco and an MBA from IEDC-Bled School of Management.



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COMMISSIONER



CORINA
CREȚU

Regional Policy

*24.06.1964



Romania



FORMER OCCUPATION:

Vice-President of the European Parliament

Corina Crețu served as a Member of the European Parliament since 2007 and its Vice-President since July 2014. Other stations of her career include Deputy Chairwoman of the Romanian Social Democratic Party since 2011, Senator in the Romanian Parliament from 2004 to 2007 as well as adviser and spokesperson of the Romanian President from 2000 to 2004.

“ *The new European Commission will have to develop an effective strategy for achieving sustainable economic growth.* >> SOURCE

Corina Crețu studied cybernetics at the Bucharest University of Economic Studies. She also did courses in transnational security and political communication and worked as an economist and journalist.



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JOHANNES
HAHN

European Neighbourhood
Policy and Enlargement
Negotiations

*02.12.1957

Austria 



FORMER OCCUPATION:

European Commissioner for Regional Policy

Johannes Hahn served as European Commissioner for Regional Policy since 2010. Other stations of his career include Minister for Science and Research of Austria from 2007 to 2010 and Member of the Regional Government of Vienna from 2003 to 2007. Until 2003 he acted as Board Member and later CEO of the casino management system firm Novomatic AG.

“ *The election results demonstrate how much work is still to be done to make clear the connection between the everyday life of EU citizens and European Policy.* >> [SOURCE](#)

Johannes Hahn studied philosophy, German philology and journalism at the University of Vienna and obtained a Doctorate of Philosophy.



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JONATHAN
HILL

Financial Stability, Financial
Services and Capital Markets
Union

*24.07.1960

United Kingdom 



FORMER OCCUPATION:

Leader of the House of Lords

Jonathan Hill, Baron of Oareford, served as a Member of the House of Lords since 2010 and the Leader of the House of Lords since 2013. Other stations of his career include the office of Parliamentary Undersecretary of State for Schools from 2010 to 2013 and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster since 2013.

“ *When the next European elections take place, I want to be able to say to people across Europe – including Britain – that the European Commission has heeded their concerns and changed the EU for the better.* >> [SOURCE](#)

Jonathan Hill obtained a Master's degree in History from the Trinity College, Cambridge. He worked as a Public Relations consultant and lobbyist.



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PHIL
HOGAN

Agriculture and
Rural Development

*04.07.1960



Ireland



FORMER OCCUPATION:

Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government of Ireland

Phil Hogan served as Irish Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government since 2011 and Member of the Dáil Éireann (lower house of the Irish Parliament) since 1989. Other stations of his career include Minister of State in the Department of Finance from 1994 to 1995 and Fine Gael spokesman on environment from 2007 to 2011.

” Europe lost a lot of its competitiveness over the last few years and the fiscal crisis has not helped. The big challenge is to get people back to work. >> SOURCE

Phil Hogan holds a Bachelor's degree and a higher diploma in Education from the University College of Cork. He worked as a teacher and auctioneer.



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VĚRA
JOUROVÁ

Justice, Consumers
and Gender Equality

*18.08.1964



Czech Republic



FORMER OCCUPATION: Minister for Regional Development of the Czech Republic

Věra Jourová served as Czech Minister for Regional Development since January 2014. Other stations of her career include Deputy Regional Development Minister from 2003 to 2006 and Head of the Regional Development Department of Vysocina Regional Authority from 2001 to 2003.

” The European Commissioner must of course be impartial, without regard to national interests. Beyond this, however, I would like to focus on coordinating the activities of Czech people in EU institutions to promote Czech national interests. >> SOURCE

Věra Jourová studied at the department of the Theory of Culture and the department of Law and Legal Science at Charles University Prague. She worked as a lawyer and deputy director of a civic cultural centre.



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CECILIA
MALMSTRÖM

Trade

*15.05.1968



Sweden



FORMER OCCUPATION:

European Commissioner for Home Affairs

Cecilia Malmström served as European Commissioner for Home Affairs since 2010. Other stations of her career include Swedish Minister for European Affairs from 2006 to 2010 and Member of the European Parliament from 1999 to 2006. Between 2007 and 2010 she was also Vice-President of the Liberal Party of Sweden.

“ *It is very honouring to receive this confidence and provided the approval of the European Parliament, I look forward continuing to work for a better Europe* >> [SOURCE](#)

Cecilia Malmström studied at the University of Paris and Göteborg University. She holds a PhD in Political Science from University of Gothenburg where she has also worked as a lecturer.



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NEVEN
MIMICA

International Cooperation
and Development

*12.10.1953



Croatia



FORMER OCCUPATION:

European Commissioner for Consumer Protection

Neven Mimica served as European Commissioner for Consumer Protection since Croatia's accession in 2013. Other stations of his career include Member of the Croatian Parliament and Deputy Prime Minister from 2011 to 2013. Mimica was Chief Negotiator for the EU Association Agreement from 1997 to 2001 and subsequently the Croatian Minister of European Integration until 2003.

“ *There is a need to strengthen the European Union's democratic legitimacy through cooperation with the national parliaments.* >> [SOURCE](#)

Neven Mimica studied foreign trade at the University of Zagreb and obtained a Master's degree in Economics.



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COMMISSIONER



CARLOS
MOEDAS

Research, Science
and Innovation

*10.08.1970



Portugal



FORMER OCCUPATION:

Secretary of State to the Prime Minister of Portugal

Carlos Moedas served as Secretary of State to the Prime Minister of Portugal since 2011. Other stations of his career include various positions in the Suez Group, Goldman Sachs and the Eurohypo Investment Bank.

“ *We have done what a generation wanted to do a long time ago, reducing barriers so companies can grow.* >> SOURCE

Carlos Moedas studied civil engineering at the Instituto Superior Técnico (Technical Institute) in Lisbon and at the École Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées (National Schools of Bridges and Roads) in Paris. He also obtained an MBA from the Harvard Business School.



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PIERRE
MOSCOVICI

Economic and Financial
Affairs, Taxation and Customs

*16.09.1957



France



FORMER OCCUPATION:

Minister of Finance of France

Pierre Moscovici served as French Minister of Finance from 2012 to 2014 and Minister for European Affairs from 1997 to 2002. Other stations of his career include Member of the European Parliament from 1994 to 1997 and European Parliament Vice-President from 2004 to 2007. Further, Moscovici is a Member of the French National Assembly.

“ *If I am commissioner, I will be a Frenchman, and a member of the European Commission, and also a politician with beliefs that remain social-democratic* >> SOURCE

Pierre Moscovici studied at the Institute of Political Science in Paris and at the École Nationale d'Administration in Paris and obtained a DEA in Economics and Philosophy. He also served at the French Court of Auditors.



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COMMISSIONER



TIBOR
NAVRACSICS

Education, Culture,
Youth and Sport

*13.06.1966



Hungary

FORMER OCCUPATION:

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary

Tibor Navracsics served as Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade since June 2014 and leader of the Fidesz Parliamentary Group since 2006. Other stations of his career include Minister of Public Administration and Justice from 2010 to 2014 and Member of the Hungarian Parliament since 2006. Navracsics is also Member of the Presidency of the Hungarian Association of Political Science.

” *Difficult job.
Great honour.* >> SOURCE

Tibor Navracsics studied at the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences of Budapest's ELTE University and holds a PhD in political science. He also worked as a lecturer at several universities.

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GÜNTHER
OETTINGER

Digital Economy and Society

*15.10.1953



Germany

FORMER OCCUPATION:

European Commissioner for Energy

Günther Oettinger served as European Commissioner for Energy since 2010 and Minister President of Baden-Württemberg from 2005 to 2010. Other stations of his career include regional Chairman of the CDU from 1991 to 2009 and Member of the State Parliament from 1984 to 2010.

” *All our efforts should lead to create the best conditions for the uptake of the EU economies, in the interest of the citizens of our countries.* >> SOURCE

Günther Oettinger studied law and economics at the University of Tübingen. He worked as a lawyer, statutory auditor and tax advisor.

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CHRISTOS
STYLIANIDES

Humanitarian Aid
and Crisis Management

*26.06.1958

Cyprus



FORMER OCCUPATION:

Spokesman of the Cypriot Government, MEP

Christos Stylianides served as a Member of the European Parliament since 2014 and Cypriot Government spokesman from 2013 to 2014. Further stations of his career include member of the House of Representatives from 2006 to 2014.

” *Maintaining credibility and monitoring developments at the heart of Europe continues to be of great importance primarily for the Cyprus problem but also with regard to economic developments.* >> SOURCE

Christos Stylianides studied political science, international relations and European studies at the Pantheon University of Athens and Harvard University. Originally, he is a dental surgeon.



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MARIANNE
THYSSEN

Employment, Social Affairs,
Skills and Labour Mobility

*24.07.1956

Belgium



FORMER OCCUPATION:

Leader of the Christian Democratic
and Flemish, MEP

Marianne Thyssen served as the Chairwoman of the Belgian party Christian Democratic and Flemish (CD&V) from 2008 to 2010. Other stations of her career include Member of the European Parliament since 1999 and Vice-Chairwoman of the European People's Party from 2004 to 2009. Between 1995 and 2008 she was city councillor for the town of Oud-Heverlee.

” *More than ever, I will give my full 100% for the European project.* >> SOURCE

Marianne Thyssen studied law at the Catholic University of Leuven and served as assistant in the faculty. She also worked as director of a small business association.



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KARMENU
VELLA

Environment,
Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

*19.06.1950



FORMER OCCUPATION:
Minister for Tourism of Malta

Karmenu Vella served as Minister for Tourism of Malta since 2013. Other stations of his career include Minister for Public Works from 1981 to 1984, Minister for Industry from 1984 to 1987 and Minister for Tourism between 1996 and 1998. Further, he held several high level positions in various sectors, including banking, construction and travel.

” *The principal challenge for Europe should be the economy and its growth.*

[->> SOURCE](#)

Karmenu Vella studied architecture and civil engineering at the University of Malta and obtained a Master's degree in Tourism Management from Sheffield Hallam University.

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COMMISSIONER



MARGRETHE
VESTAGER

Competition

*13.04.1968



FORMER OCCUPATION:
Deputy Prime Minister of Denmark

Margrethe Vestager has served as Deputy Prime Minister of Denmark since 2011. Simultaneously, she served as Minister of the Economy and Interior. Other stations of her career include Minister of Education from 1998 to 2001 as well as Minister of Ecclesiastical Affairs from 1998 to 2000.

” *It is not the Commissioner's task is to promote Danish interests. It is the Commissioner's task is to promote Europe as a community.* [->> SOURCE](#)

Margrethe Vestager holds a Master's degree in Economics from the University of Copenhagen and published several articles on politics.

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