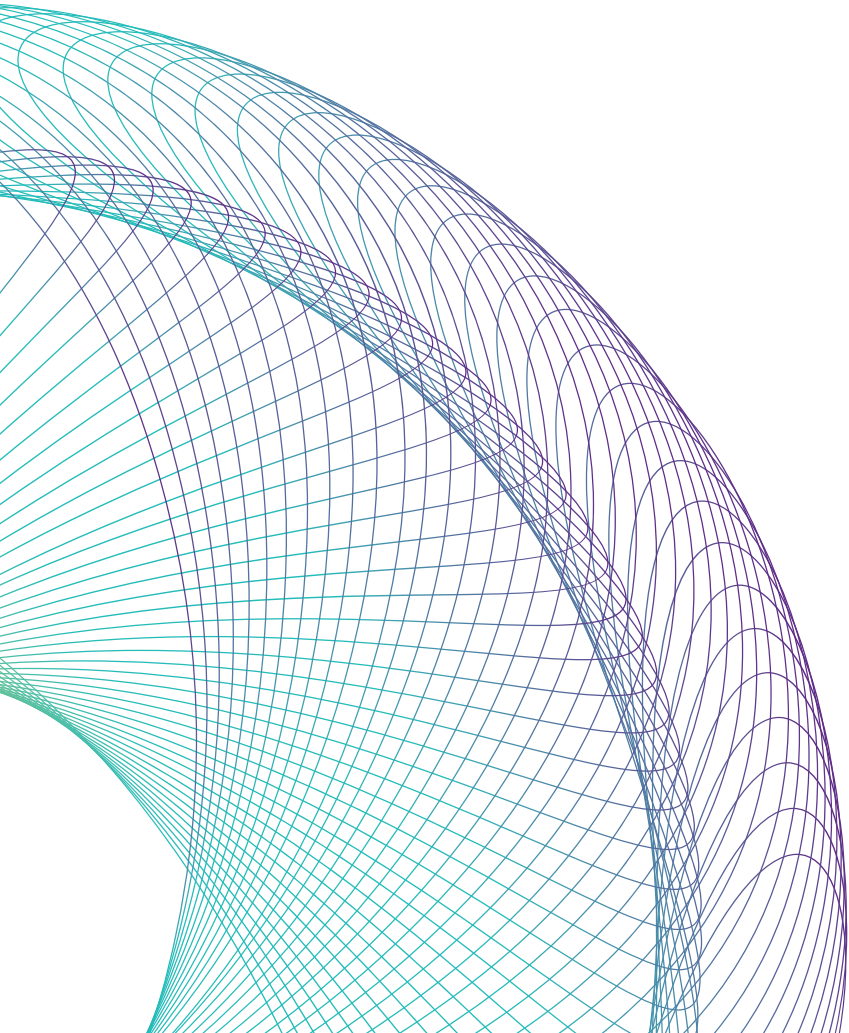


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An Overview of the Proposed College of Commissioners for the 2024-2029 Mandate



Introduction

On Tuesday, 17 September 2024, Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission, unveiled the proposed College of Commissioners and their portfolios for the 2024-2029 term, based on the nominees from the governments of Member States. President von der Leyen also sent each Commissioner-designate a mission letter that defines their mandate and role.

Starting from October 2024, each proposed Commissioner will appear before the Committee of the European Parliament which corresponds with their policy portfolios for a three-to-four hour public hearing where Members of the European Parliament will question the candidate. The Committee will then take a vote on whether to confirm or reject the Commissioner-designate. If a candidate is rejected by the Parliament Committee, the government of that Member State must propose a new candidate to take their place in the College.

Once all Commissioners-designate of the proposed College are approved in the European Parliament Committee hearings, the European Parliament will vote by a majority (361 of 720) to accept or reject the College of Commissioners as a body.

The infographic below outlines the proposed College of Commissioners, as announced by President von der Leyen on 17 September 2024. It provides an overview of the names and portfolios of the 26 Commissioners-designate. It commences with the six Commissioners proposed as Executive Vice-Presidents of the Commission, who will report directly to the President of the Commission and who will have oversight of a cluster of Commissioners. The infographic also includes a comparative breakdown between the outgoing College of Commissioners, which was in office 2019-2024, and that which has been proposed for the 2024-2029 term.

Commissioners-Designate for the 2024-2029 Mandate



Germany

Ursula von der Leyen

President of the European Commission
Job Before Nomination: President of the European Commission



Estonia

Kaja Kallas

High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission
Job Before Nomination: Prime Minister of Estonia



Italy

Raffaele Fitto

Executive Vice-President of the European Commission for Cohesion and Reforms
Job Before Nomination: Minister for European Affairs, the South and Cohesion Policies and the NRRP of Italy



Finland

Henna Virkkunen

Executive Vice-President of the European Commission for Tech Sovereignty, Security and Democracy
Job Before Nomination: Member of the European Parliament



Romania

Roxana Mînzatu

Executive Vice-President of the European Commission for People, Skills and Preparedness
Job Before Nomination: Member of the European Parliament



France

Stéphane Séjourné

Executive Vice-President of the European Commission for Prosperity and Industrial Strategy
Job Before Nomination: Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France



Spain

Teresa Ribera

Executive Vice-President of the European Commission for the Clean, Just and Competitive Transition
Job Before Nomination: Third Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge of Spain



Austria 

Magnus Brunner

European Commissioner for Internal Affairs and Migration

Job Before Nomination: Minister for Finance of Austria



Croatia 

Dubravka Šuica

European Commissioner for the Mediterranean

Job Before Nomination: Vice-President of the European Commission for Democracy and Demography



Belgium 

Hadja Lahbib

European Commissioner for Preparedness, Crisis Management and Commissioner for Equality

Job Before Nomination: Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belgium



Cyprus 

Costas Kadis

European Commissioner for Fisheries and Oceans

Job Before Nomination: Acting Dean at the School of Health Sciences at Frederick University



Bulgaria 

Ekaterina Zaharieva

European Commissioner for Startups, Research and Innovation

Job Before Nomination: Member of the National Assembly of Bulgaria



Czechia 

Jozef Síkela

European Commissioner for International Partnerships

Job Before Nomination: Minister of Industry and Trade of Czechia



Denmark 

Dan Jørgensen

European Commissioner for Energy and Housing

Job Before Nomination: Minister for Development Cooperation and Global Climate Policy of Denmark



Ireland 

Michael McGrath

European Commissioner for Democracy, Justice and the Rule of Law

Job Before Nomination: Minister for Finance of Ireland



Greece 

Apostolos Tzitzikostas

European Commissioner for Sustainable Transport and Tourism

Job Before Nomination: Regional Governor of Central Macedonia



Latvia 

Valdis Dombrovskis

European Commissioner for the Economy and Productivity and Commissioner for Implementation and Simplification

Job Before Nomination: Executive Vice-President of the European Commission for Trade



Hungary 

Olivér Várhelyi

European Commissioner for Health and Animal Welfare

Job Before Nomination: European Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement



Lithuania 

Andrius Kubilius

European Commissioner for Defence and Space

Job Before Nomination: Member of the European Parliament



Luxembourg 

Christophe Hansen

European Commissioner for Agriculture and Food

Job Before Nomination: Member of the European Parliament



Poland 

Piotr Serafin

European Commissioner for Budget, Anti-Fraud, and Public Administration

Job Before Nomination: Permanent Representative of Poland to the European Union



Malta 

Glenn Micallef

European Commissioner for Intergenerational Fairness, Youth, Culture and Sport

Job Before Nomination: Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister of Malta



Portugal 

Maria Luísa Albuquerque

European Commissioner for Financial Services and the Savings and Investments Union

Job Before Nomination: Member of the Supervisory Board of Morgan Stanley Europe and of the National Council of the Social Democratic Party of Portugal



Netherlands

Wopke Hoekstra

European Commissioner for Climate, Net Zero and Clean Growth

Job Before Nomination: European Commissioner for Climate Action



Slovakia

Maroš Šefčovič

European Commissioner for Trade and Economic Security and Commissioner for Institutional Relations and Transparency

Job Before Nomination: First Vice-President and Executive Vice-President of the European Commission for the European Green Deal, Interinstitutional Relations and Foresight



Slovenia

Marta Kos

European Commissioner for Enlargement

Job Before Nomination: Business Consultant and Former Ambassador of Slovenia to Switzerland



Sweden

Jessika Roswall

European Commissioner for Environment, Water Resilience and a Competitive Circular Economy

Job Before Nomination: Minister for European Union Affairs and Nordic Cooperation of Sweden

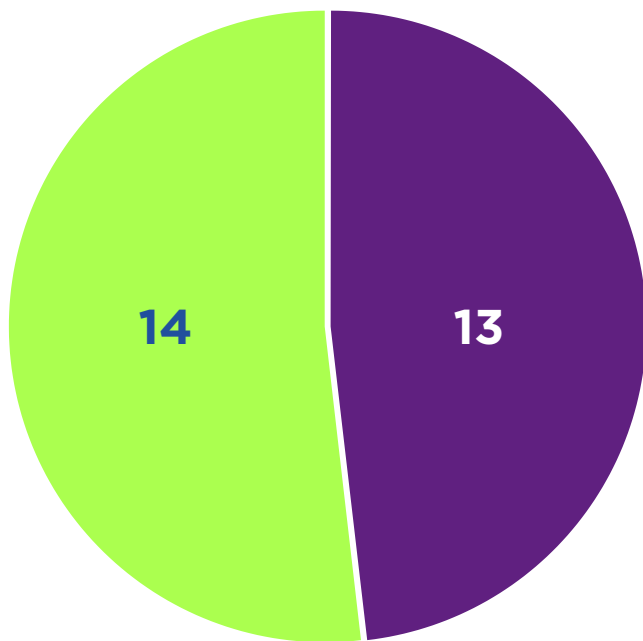
Comparative Breakdown of the Proposed College of Commissioners

When compared to the first von der Leyen Commission, in office from 2019-2024, the proposed College of Commissioners for the upcoming five years has less gender balance, is more right wing in complexion, and sees key leadership roles assigned to large Member States.

Gender Balance

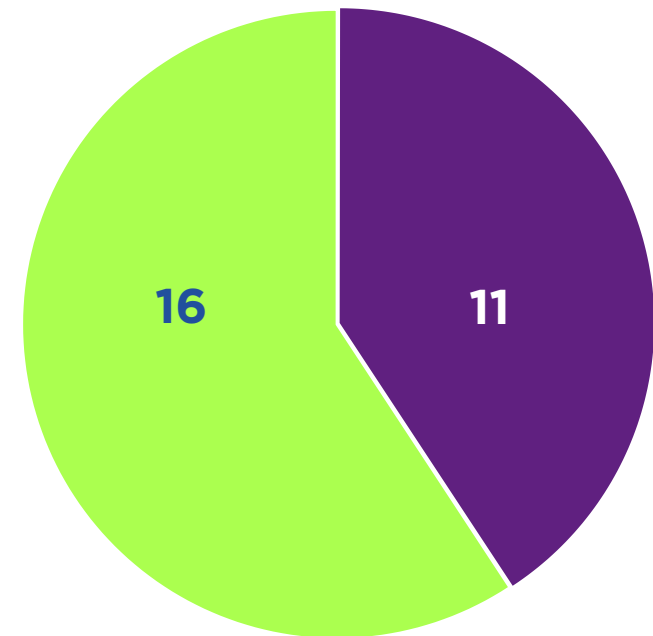
The number of women Commissioners fell from 13 in the out-going College of Commissioners to 11 in the proposed new College. President von der Leyen has sought to compensate for this by assigning three of the five roles as Executive Vice-President of the Commission to women, in addition to the nomination of Kaja Kallas as High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the Commission.

2019-2024



Men Women

2024-2029

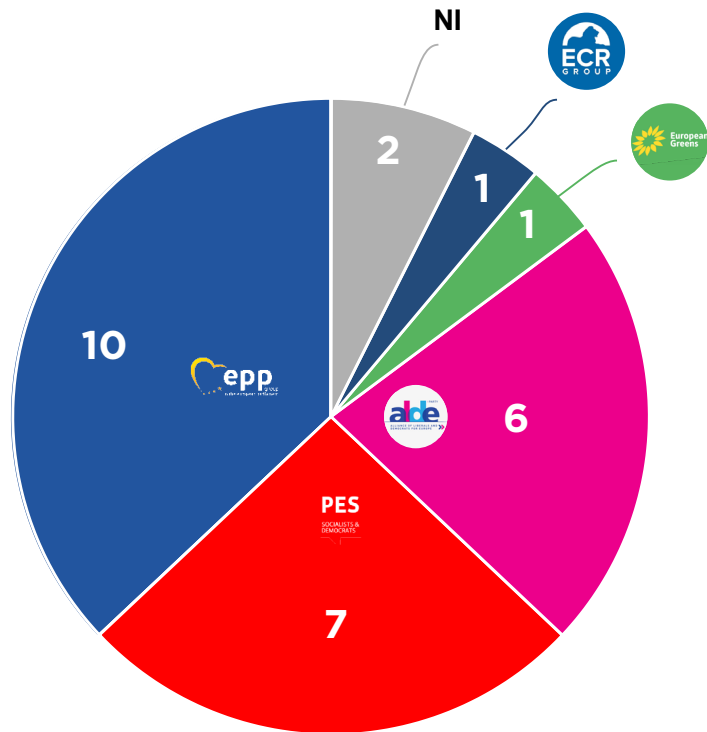


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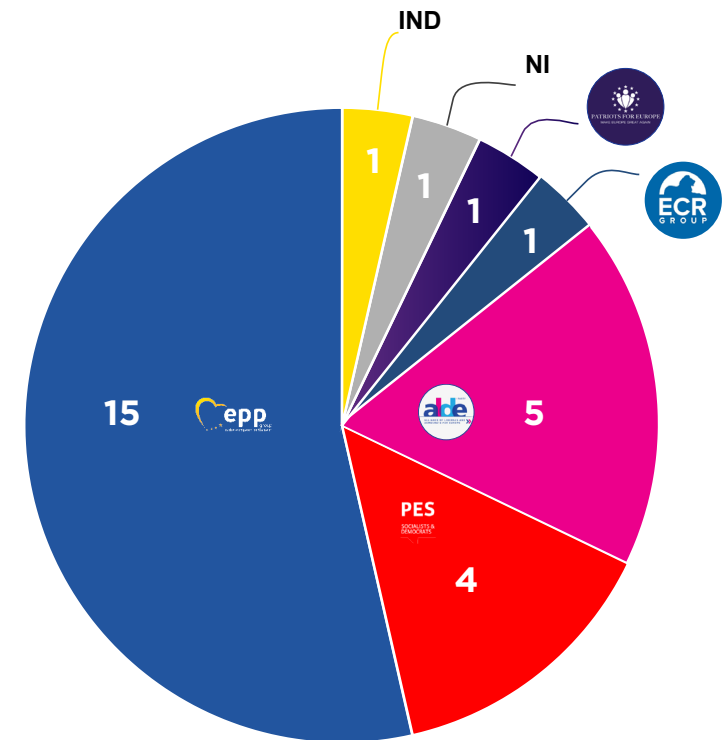
European Political Party Affiliation

The number of right-of-centre Commissioners increased from 12 in the first von der Leyen Commission to 17 in the proposed College. On the other hand, the number of Commissioners from the social democratic Party of European Socialists (PES) decreased sharply to the third position behind the Christian democratic centre-right European People's Party (EPP) and liberal centrist Alliance of Liberals and Democrats in Europe (ALDE). Furthermore, the European Green Party (EGP) will no longer have any representation in the Commission.

2019-2024



2024-2029



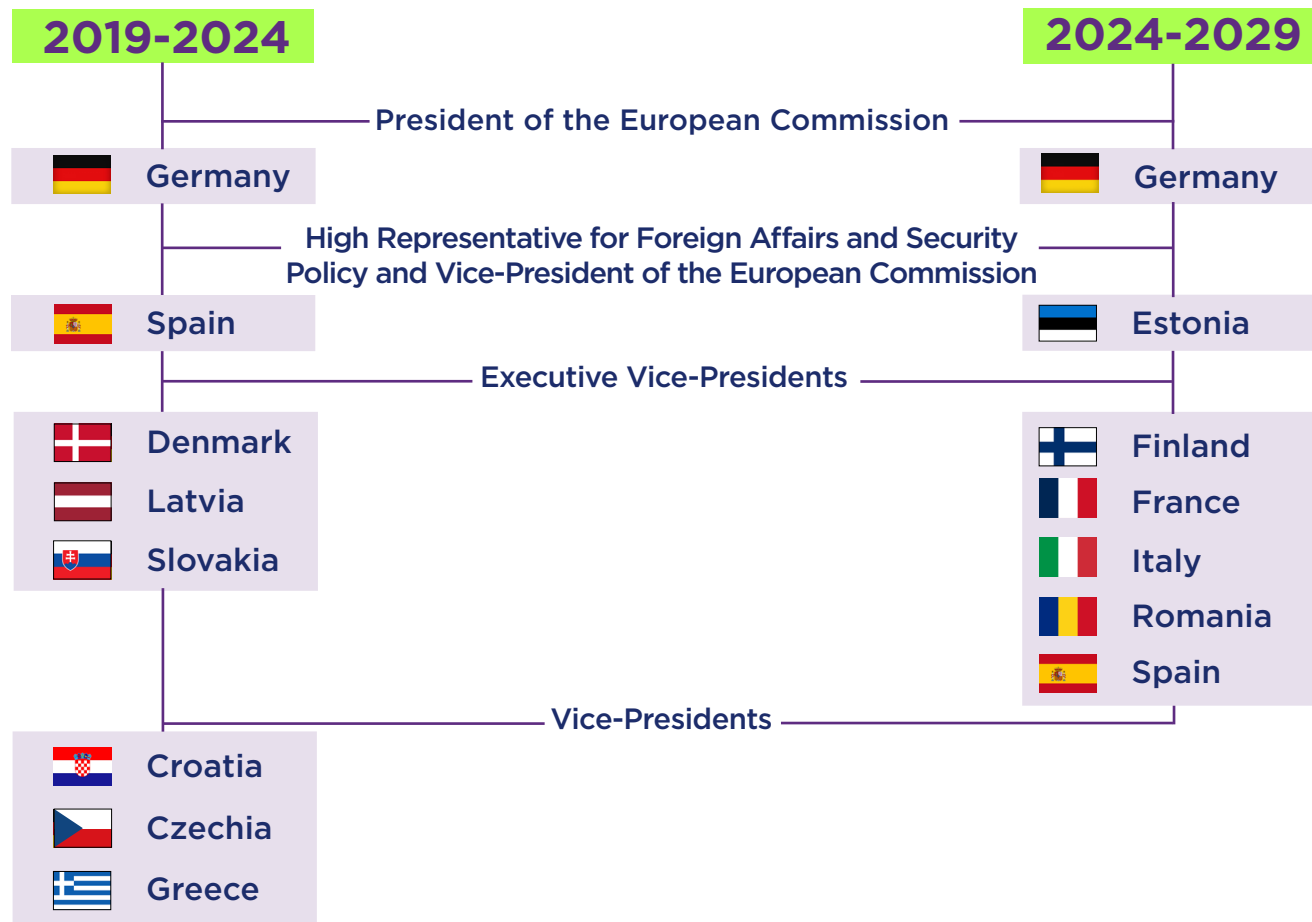
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Member States with Leadership Roles

In the first von der Leyen Commission, many small member states had roles as Executive Vice-President or Vice-President. In total, in the first von der Leyen Commission, there was a High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President (HRVP), three Executive Vice-Presidents, and three Vice-Presidents. With the exception of HRVP Josep Borrell from Spain, all the (Executive) Vice-Presidents in the 2019-2024 Commission were from small Member States.

In contrast, the College of Commissioners proposed for 2024-2029 term has a HRVP and five Executive Vice-Presidents, with the role of non-Executive Vice-President being eliminated. All large Member States, with the exception of Poland, now have leadership roles in the proposed Commission. Only the HRVP and one Executive Vice-President in the proposed College of Commissioners have been assigned to small Member States.



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