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Overview

Barroso's appointment:

José Manuel Barroso won the European Parliament's approval for his second term as European Commission President on 16 September 2009, after a debate and a vote. MEPs approved the five-year term by 382 votes in favour and 219 against.

"We have a European programme, and now we have a European team. On the basis of the nominations by the Member States, I have sought to design a College which can generate fresh ideas and new momentum on the biggest challenges we face in Europe today. This College will implement the political guidelines that I presented to the European Parliament. I am confident that this College will be decisive in steering Europe towards recovery and a sustainable social market economy that works for the people. I have put together a strong Commission to fill the enhanced role of Europe, including on the world stage, provided by the Lisbon Treaty. One of the key tasks of this College will be to give life to the new opportunities provided by the Lisbon Treaty. The Commissioners-designate will present themselves in the hearings before the European Parliament in January. After the vote of consent of the Parliament, it will be time to start to work and to produce results for our citizens."

President Barroso (November 2009)

The members of the Barroso Commission designate (2009-2014)

The new College will have 7 Vice-Presidents, including Vice-President Baroness Catherine Ashton who will, at the same time, be the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, following the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty.

The new College will have 27 members, including President Barroso, one from each Member State. The members of the College come from different political families, notably the European People's Party (EPP), the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D), and the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE). 14 members, including the President, were already members of the outgoing College.

President Barroso has given a new look to the College of his second mandate. He has announced a number of new portfolios: Climate Action; Home Affairs; Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship. He has reconfigured a number of other portfolios: Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth; Health and Consumer Policy; Industry and Entrepreneurship; Research and Innovation; International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response. There will be a new emphasis on inclusion in the Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion portfolio, and a renewed focus with the Digital Agenda portfolio.

European Parliament's approval procedure

Parliament's approval procedure (Annex XVII to its Rules of Procedure) is as follows:

1. Parliament receives the Commissioner-designates' curriculum vitae and their declarations of financial interests.
2. Parliament puts to the Commissioners-designate a series of written questions dealing mainly with the candidates' policy priorities in their respective fields of responsibility. The candidates' written replies provide the basis for the oral stage – the *hearings*.
3. Each Commissioner-designate is invited to a three-hour public hearing with the parliamentary committee(s) responsible for the portfolio concerned. These hearings enable the committees to get to know the personalities of the Commissioners-designate and have a detailed exchange of views with the various candidates on their priorities in their prospective areas of responsibility.
4. The committees then evaluate each of the Commissioners-designate. They check that the Commissioners-designate have the skills required not only to be Members of the Commission in general, but also to be in charge of a particular portfolio.
5. The results of the hearings are sent to the President of Parliament and considered by the Conference of Presidents, comprising the President and all political group leaders, and by the Conference of Committee Chairs.
6. The Commission President presents the College of Commissioners-designate and their programme to a plenary sitting of Parliament which the Council of the EU is invited to attend. This presentation is followed by a debate.
7. Lastly, Parliament votes on approval of the whole European Commission as a body. The new Commission can then be formally appointed by the European Council, acting by a qualified majority.

Overview of Commissioners-designate

Name	Detail
Joaquín Almunia	Competition. Vice-President of the Commission
László Andor	Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
Baroness Catherine Ashton	High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security and Vice-President of the Commission
Michel Barnier	Internal Market and Services
Dacian Ciolos	Agriculture and Rural Development
John Dalli	Health and Consumer Policy
Maria Damanaki	Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
Karel De Gucht	Trade
Štefan Füle	Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy
Johannes Hahn	Regional Policy
Connie Hedegaard	Climate Action
Maire Geoghegan-Quinn	Research and Innovation
Siim Kallas	Transport. Vice-President of the Commission
Neelie Kroes	Digital Agenda. Vice-President of the Commission
Janusz Lewandowski	Budget and Financial Programming
Cecilia Malmström	Home Affairs

Overview of Commissioners-designate (cont...)

Name	Detail
Günter Oettinger	Energy
Andris Piebalgs	Development
Janez Potočnik	Environment
Viviane Reding	Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship. Vice-President of the Commission
Olli Rehn	Economic and Monetary Affairs
Maroš Šefčovič	Vice-President of the Commission for Inter-Institutional Relations and Administration
Algirdas Šemeta	Taxation and Customs Union, Audit and Anti-Fraud
Antonio Tajani	Industry and Entrepreneurship. Vice-President of the Commission
Androulla Vassiliou	Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth
TBC	International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response

Next steps

- The new Commission must gain approval from the European Parliament before it takes office for a term of office running until 31 October 2014.
- Commissioners-designate appeared in individual hearings before Parliamentary committees from 11-19 January 2010.
- The **vote of consent** on the new Commission as a whole is foreseen to take place on **26 January 2010**.
- On the basis of the vote of consent, the Commission shall be appointed by the European Council. Then it can start working.

The Barroso II Commission



- **Jose Manuel Barroso** (Portugal, EPP)
- President of the European Commission
- Responsible for: Secretariat General, Legal Service, Bureau of European Policy Advisers and Spokespeople's Service



- **Baroness Catherine Ashton** (United Kingdom, PES)
- High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy & Vice-President of the Commission
- Responsible for: DG External Relations



- **Viviane Reding** (Luxembourg, EPP)
- Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship & Vice-President of the Commission
- Responsible for: DG Justice, Liberty and Security, The Equality between Men/Women, Action against Discrimination, Civil Society Directorate, European Fundamental Rights Agency, European Institute for Gender Equality, European Judicial Cooperation Unit, DG Communication and Publications Office



- **Joaquin Almunia** (Spain, PES)
- Competition & Vice-President of the Commission
- Responsible for: DG Competition

The Barroso II Commission (cont...)



- **Slim Kallas** (Estonia, ELDR)
- Transport & Vice-President of the Commission
- Responsible for: DG Transport, European Railway Agency, European Aviation Safety Agency, European Maritime Safety Agency, Trans-European Transport Network Executive Agency and the transport part of the Executive Agency of Competitiveness and Innovation



- **Neelie Kroes** (the Netherlands, ELDR)
- Digital Agenda & Vice-President of the Commission
- Responsible for: DG Information Society, European Network and Information Security Agency



- **Antonio Tajani** (Italy, EPP)
- Industry and Entrepreneurship & Vice-President of the Commission
- Responsible for: DG Enterprise and Industry, European Chemicals Agency



- **Maros Sefcovic** (Slovakia, PES)
- Vice-President for Inter-institutional Relations and Administration
- Responsible for: DG Human Resources and Security, DG Informatics, Office for Administration and Payment of Individual Entitlements, Office for Infrastructure and Logistics in Brussels, Office for Infrastructure and Logistics in Luxembourg, European Personnel Selection Office, European Administration School

The Barroso II Commission (cont...)



- **Janez Potocnik** (Slovenia, ELDR)
- Environment
- Responsible for: DG Environment, European Environmental Agency



- **Olli Rehn** (Finland, ELDR)
- Economic and Monetary Affairs
- Responsible for: DG Economic and Monetary Affairs, Eurostat

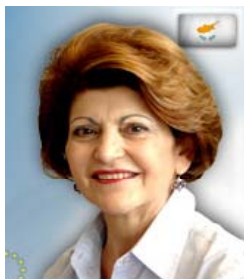


- **Andris Piebalgs** (Latvia, EPP)
- Development
- Responsible for: DG Development, Europe-Aid Co-operation Office



- **Michel Barnier** (France, EPP)
- Internal Market and Services
- Responsible for: DG Internal Market and Services, Office of Harmonisation in the Internal Market

The Barroso II Commission (cont...)



- **Androulla Vassiliou** (Cyprus, ELDR)
- Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth
- Responsible for: DG Education and Culture (EAC), DG Translation, DG Interpretation, Translation Centre for the Bodies of the EU, European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, European Training Foundation, European Institute of Technology, The EAC part of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency



- **Algirdas Semeta** (Lithuania, EPP)
- Taxation and Customs Union, Audit and Anti-Fraud
- Responsible for: Audit and Anti-Fraud, Internal Audit Services, European Anti-Fraud Office



- **Karel De Gucht** (Belgium, ELDR)
- Trade
- Responsible for: DG Trade



- **John Dalli** (Malta, EPP)
- Health and Consumer Policy
- Responsible for: DG Health and Consumers, Community Plant Variety Office, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, European Food Safety Authority, European Medicines Agency, Executive Agency for Health and Consumers

The Barroso II Commission (cont...)



- **Maire Geoghegan-Quinn** (Ireland, ELDR)
- Research, Innovation and Science
- Responsible for: DG Research, Joint Research Centre, European Research Council, Research Executive Agency, European Research Council Executive Agency



- **Janusz Lewandowski** (Poland, EPP)
- Budget and Financial Programming
- Responsible for: DG Budget



- **Maria Damanaki** (Greece, PES)
- Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
- Responsible for: DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Community Fisheries Control Agency



- **Gunther H Oettinger** (Germany, EPP)
- Energy
- Responsible for: DG Energy, Euratom Supply Agency

The Barroso II Commission (cont...)



- **Johannes Hahn** (Austria, EPP)
- Regional Policy
- Responsible for: DG Regional Policy



- **Connie Hedegaard** (Denmark, EPP)
- Climate Action
- Responsible for: DG Climate Action



- **Stefan Fule** (Czech Republic, PES)
- Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy
- Responsible for: DG Enlargement, EuropeAid-Cooperation Office



- **Cecilia Malmstrom** (Sweden, ELDR)
- Home Affairs
- Responsible for: Parts of DG Justice, Liberty and Security, European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders, European Police Office, European Police College, Visa System and Schengen System and European Monitoring Centre for Drug and Drug Addiction

The Barroso II Commission (cont...)



- **Dacian Cioloș** (Romania, EPP)
- Agriculture and Rural Development
- Responsible for: DG Agriculture and Rural Development

UPDATE NOTE:

- On 19 January 2010, President Barroso took note of Rumiana Jeleva's (Bulgaria, EPP) withdrawal as commissioner-designate for the ***International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response***
- Bulgarian Prime Minister Borisov has informed President Barroso of his intention to suggest Ms Kristalina Georgieva, currently Vice-President of the World Bank, as member of the European Commission.
- President Barroso will meet her as soon as possible, with a view to considering his agreement to that suggestion.



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