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The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of the portfolios entrusted by the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, to the 26 personalities she has chosen as candidates for the role of European Commissioner.

Each section gives details of each candidate, in particular the role assigned within the College of Commissioners, and summarises the responsibilities entrusted in the respective mission letter.

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Teresa Ribera Rodríguez

Executive Vice-President- designated for a Clean, Just and Competitive Transition

Responsible for the Competition portfolio

Country: Spain

Political group: S&D

The responsibilities listed in the [mission letter](#) are:

- Coordinate the work, together with Executive Vice-president for Prosperity and Industrial Strategy (*Stéphane Séjourné*) and working with the Commissioner for Climate , Net Zero and Clean Growth (*Wopke Hoekstra*) on the **Clean Industrial Deal**
- Guide the work on the **implementation of the existing legal framework** to reach 2030 targets
- **Prepare new architecture beyond 2030** once the 90% emission-reduction target for 2040 is enshrined in the European Climate Law
- Guide the work to **bring down energy prices, get rid of dependencies on fossil fuels, invest in clean energy infrastructure and address energy poverty** together with Commissioner on Energy and Housing (*Dan Jørgensen*).
- Ensure that **taxation measures** support a just transition and decarbonization, working closely with Commissioner for Climate , Net Zero and Clean Growth (*Wopke Hoekstra*)
- Steer investment and financing a just and social transition through the **Social Climate Fund** and the **Just Transition Fund**
- **Modernize the EU's competition policy**
- As part of the Clean Industrial Deal, develop a **new State aid framework** to accelerate the roll-out of renewable energy, to deploy industrial decarbonization and to ensure sufficient manufacturing capacity of clean tech
- Review of the **Horizontal Merger Control Guidelines**
- Preserve the level playing field while pursuing **further simplification of State Aid**, drawing lessons from the temporary crisis and transition frameworks
- **Address risks and seek to eliminate killer acquisitions** from foreign companies
- Support the implementation of the **future European Competitiveness Fund** to ensure coherence with State Aid policy
- Work for swift proposals for the **revision and expansion of Important projects of Common Interest (IPCEIs)**, also in light of the Draghi report
- Strengthen and speed up **enforcement of competition rules**
- Enforce the **Foreign Subsidies Regulation**
- Contribute to stronger global cooperation among competition authorities

- **Tackle anticompetitive practices**, such as those which affect the competitiveness and sustainability of the **food and farming sector**
- Ensure rapid and effective enforcement actions under the **Digital Markets Act**
- **Revise State aid rules to enable housing support measures**, notably for energy efficiency and social housing

	<p>Henna Virkkunen</p> <p><i>Executive Vice-President-designated for tech sovereignty, security and democracy</i></p> <p>Country: Finland</p> <p>Political group: EPP</p>
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The responsibilities listed in the [mission letter](#) are:

- Strengthen the areas of **freedom, security and justice** and internal security
- Strengthen the **European Democracy Shield** and counter disinformation
- Strengthen the **rule of law and anti-corruption**
- Present the **European Defence Union** and ensure the **defence industrial competitiveness**
- Ensure high standards of **cybersecurity**
- Strengthen **digital competitiveness** and **boost productivity with digital tech**
- Reach **Europe’s 2030 digital decade targets**
- Boost **Artificial intelligence innovation**
- In the first 100 days ensure access to **tailored supercomputing capacity** for AI start ups through the **AI Factories initiative** and set up a **European AI Research Council**
- Intensify investments on the **next wave of frontier technologies**
- Develop a proposal for an **EU Cloud and AI development act**
- Develop a single **EU-wide cloud policy** for public administrations and public procurement
- Follow up on the **Chips Act** and develop a **long-term EU Chips plan**
- Improve access to secure, fast and reliable connectivity and work on a **new Digital Networks Act** following the responses to the Commission’s white paper of February 2024
- Strengthening **cybersecurity to protect our industries** and improve the adoption process of European cybersecurity certification schemes
- Implement the **European Digital Rulebook**
- Enforce the **Digital Market Act** and the **Digital Services Act**
- Contribute on the work on disinformation as part of the **European Democracy Shield**

- Deploy **digital public infrastructure**
- Present a **European Data Union Strategy**
- Tackle challenges with **e-commerce platforms** (with other Members of College)
- Combat **unethical techniques online**
- Contribute to the enquiry on impacts of **social media and cyberbullying**
- Ensure an approach to media and improve the **copyright framework**
- Promote **EU digital norms** and standards internationally
- Accelerate the **digitalization of the Commission**

	<p>Stéphane Séjourné <i>Executive Vice-president-designate for Prosperity and Industrial Strategy</i> <i>Responsible for Industry, SMEs and the Single Market</i></p> <p>Country: Francia Political group: Renew Europe</p>
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The responsibilities listed in the [mission letter](#) are:

- Enhance a **new EU industrial strategy**
- Speeding up and simplifying so as the Single Market allows business and innovation to thrive by tackling fragmentation and remaining barriers
- Put forward the **Clean Industrial Deal** in the first 100 days of the mandate
- Improve coordination at all levels through a **competitiveness coordination tool**
- Promote an **Industrial Decarbonization Accelerator Act**
- Implementation of the **Net Zero Industry Act**
- Ensure **stability and fiscal sustainability**
- Ensure that trade and economic security policies enable companies to benefit from markets around the world
- Develop the future European Competitiveness Fund
- Set up of new **Important Projects of Common European Interest (IPCEIs) for the most strategic sectors and technologies**
- Lead the work on **risk-absorbing measures**
- **Revise the Public Procurement Directives**
- Develop a **horizontal Single Market Strategy**
- Consider the need for a **Single Market Barriers Prevention Act**

- Introduce a new category of **small midcaps**
- Strengthen the **Single Digital Gateway**
- Set up a dedicated **EU Critical Raw Materials Platform**
- Present the **Circular Economy Act** helping to create market demand for secondary materials and a single market for waste
- Work on a new **Chemicals Industry Package**
- Contribute to the **European Biotech Act**
- Develop a **steel and metals action plan**
- Speed up development of systemic standards for the resilience and twin transitions
- Ensure that the **intellectual property policy** continues to reward innovation
- **Enforce the Foreign Subsidies Regulation**

	<p>Valdis Dombrovskis</p> <p><i>Commissioner-designated for economy and productivity; implementation and simplification</i></p> <p>Country: Latvia</p> <p>Political group: EPP</p>
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The responsibilities listed in the [mission letter](#) are:

- Ensure the implementation of the **Stability and Growth Pact**
- Implement the **NextGenerationEU** and the **Recovery and Resilience Facility** (*Raffaele Fitto*)
- Work on the **European Semester** (*Ursula von der Leyen*)
- Develop a new **Competitiveness Coordination Tool**
- Enhance the role of the **European Investment Fund**
- Strengthen the **international role of the euro**
- Progress on the **digital euro**
- Oversee **Eurostat**'s work
- Lead the work on **stress-test the EU acquis** to eliminate overlaps and contradictions
- Coordinate the work to make proposals to **simplify, consolidate and codify legislation**
- Prepare an **annual plan for fitness and evaluations**
- Implement a new consultation approach called **Reality Checks**
- Reduce **administrative and reporting burden**

- Strengthen the **Commission’s better regulation standards**
- Implement the **SME and competitiveness check**
- Renewed **interinstitutional agreement** on simplification and better law making
- Support the College on the preparation of their **annual progress report** on enforcement and implementation
- Coordinate the **implementation dialogues**
- Review the Commission’s system of **expert groups**



Maria Luís Albuquerque

*Commissioner-designated for
Financial Services and the Savings
and Investments Union*

Country: Portugal

Political group: EPP

The responsibilities listed in the [mission letter](#) are:

- Develop a **European Savings and Investments Union**, including **banking and capital markets**
- Design simple and low-cost **saving and investment products at EU level**, assessing the feasibility of tax incentives for those products
- Develop the potential of **private and occupational pensions**
- **Review the regulatory framework** to ensure that innovative companies and start-ups can finance their expansion in Europe
- **Scale up sustainable finance**, in particular transition finance and climate resilience, while ensuring that the EU remains a global leader in this field.
- Increase the **availability of venture and other risk capital**, promote scaling up of investment funds, and remove barriers to the consolidation of stock exchanges and post-trading infrastructure.
- Develop the **Banking Union** and identify a way forward on the **European Deposit Insurance Scheme**
- Unlock **bank financing**, including through **reviving the use of securitization**
- Ensure the **protection of consumers and retail investors**, empower them to take informed financial decisions, and increase their participation in capital markets, also working on a strategy on **financial literacy**
- Improve **digital finance and payments** to support new technologies in the financial system and implement an open access framework to financial data for companies, by also assessing **AI deployment in the financial sector**

- Ensure the implementation and **enforcement of the AML package** and prepare the launch of the **AML Authority Strengthen the EU strategic approach to sanctions** by ensuring the appropriate reaction to new threats including cyber and hybrid attacks

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