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### Update to Chapter 3: the European Commission

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The new Commission took office in December 2019 and for the first time is fronted by a woman: Germany's former Minister of Defense Ursula von der Leyen. Notable Commission veterans include Phil Hogan (Ireland), who was given the trade portfolio, as well as Frans Timmermans (the Netherlands, European Green Deal and Climate Action), Johannes Hahn (Austria, Budget), Maroš Šefcovic (Slovakia, interinstitutional relations), Vera Jonrová (Czech Republic, Values and Transparency) and Margrethe Vestager (Denmark, Competition). The most eye-catching appointment is arguably the former Italian Prime Minister Paolo Gentiloni who is responsible for the vague sounding portfolio of 'Economy' which focuses mainly on Economic and Monetary Union. Given Hungary's combative approach to migration and refugees, the decision to award Oliver Varhelyi as Commissioner for 'Neighborhood and Enlargement' also raised some eyebrows. For more information on the individual commissioners and their party political backgrounds please refer to <https://www.euractiv.com/section/eu-elections-2019/linksdossier/commissioners-assemble-the-names-in-the-game/>

**Table 3.1. The European Commission 2019 – 24**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Role and Portfolio</b>
Ursula von der Leyen	Germany	Commission President
<b>Key portfolios</b>		
Margrethe Vestager *	Denmark	Digital Age and Competition
Thierry Breton	France	Internal Market
Phil Hogan	Ireland	Trade
Paolo Gentiloni	Italy	Economy
Janusz Wojciechowski	Poland	Agriculture
Elisa Ferreira	Portugal	Cohesion and Reforms
Josep Borrell	Spain	High Representative for Foreign and Security Policies
<b>Other portfolios</b>		
Johannes Hahn	Austria	Budget and Administration
Didier Reynders	Belgium	Justice
Marya Gabriel	Bulgaria	Research, Innovation, Education, Culture and Youth
Dubravka Suica	Croatia	Democracy and Demography
Stella Kyriakides	Cyprus	Health
Vera Jonrová	Czech Republic	Values and Transparency
Kadri Simson	Estonia	Energy
Jutta Urpilainen	Finland	International Partnership
Margaritis Schinas	Greece	Promoting European Way of Life (migration, sport, culture)
Oliver Varhelyi	Hungary	Neighbourhood and Enlargement
Valdis Dombrovskis*	Latvia	Economy that works for people and financial services
Virginijus Sinkėnėvicius	Lithuania	Environment, Oceans and Fisheries
Nicholas Schmidt	Luxembourg	Jobs and Social Rights
Helena Dalli	Malta	Equality
Frans Timmermans *	Netherlands	European Green Deal and Climate Action
Adina – Ioana Valean	Romania	Transport
Maroš Šefcovic	Slovakia	Interinstitutional Relations
Janez Lenarcic	Slovenia	Crisis Management
Ylva Johansson	Sweden	Home Affairs

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