



## Special Item – 10. September 2014

### JEAN-CLAUDE JUNCKER UNVEILS NEW EUROPEAN COMMISSION TEAM

After months of negotiations with national government, Mr **Jean-Claude Juncker**, President-elect of the European Commission, unveiled the names of his team during a press conference<sup>1</sup> today in Brussels.



Jean-Claude Juncker, President-elect of European Commission

In his shortlist, to be approved by the EP, there are 9 former Prime Ministers as well as 19

former ministers. «Eleven of them have a solid economic background», Mr Juncker said, adding that it was a «real struggle» to get nine female commissioners. To «shape up» the institution, he introduced some changes, like the presence of **7 Vice Presidents**. Juncker said Vice presidents will be «filters» between him and other Commissioners. They could even stop legislative initiatives. The Commission «should work as a team, through a smart coordination and cooperation».

A key objective of his presidency is too bring the EU closer to citizens, that is why he announced that Commissioners will regularly visit national parliaments and NGOs, to enhance social dialogue.

During his speech, Mr Juncker set the **priorities** for the Commission's agenda, notably: external policy; fight against bureaucracy; growth and employment promotion; security of energy supply; digital economy and society. He said this is the last chance to solve big problems, to do less but better than in the past.

In spite of the «the astonishing criticism» which followed to her candidacy, Ms **Federica Mogherini (IT)** has been confirmed as High Representative of the Union, and openly defended during the press release.

Mr **Frans Timmermans (NL)** will be the «right-hand man» of the President. He will also be «the guardian of subsidiarity» and Fundamental Rights in the Union, as Mr Juncker stressed.

It is remarkable that small countries will have top positions in the next Commission: «EU

<sup>1</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/about/juncker-commission/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/about/juncker-commission/index_en.htm)

fathers” Luxembourg and Netherland will get president and first vice-president jobs, while four CEE countries will get vice-presidencies.



Frans Timmermans, Netherlands

#### **JUNCKER’s shortlist:**

Mr Frans **TIMMERMANS** (The Netherlands) Better Regulation, Rule of Law and Charter of Fundamental Rights/ **First Vice-President**

Ms Federica **MOGHERINI** (Italy) High Representative of the Union for Foreign Policy & Security Policy / Vice-President

Mr Andrus **ANSIP** (Estonia) Vice-President: Digital Single Market

Ms Kristalina **GEORGIEVA** (Bulgaria) Vice-President: Budget & Human Resources

Ms Alenka **BRATUŠEK** (Slovenia) Vice-President Energy Union

Mr Jyrki **KATAINEN** (Finland) Vice-President: Jobs, Growth, Investment & Competitiveness

Mr Valdis **DOMBROVSKIS** (Latvia) Vice-President: The Euro & Social Dialogue

Ms Corina **CREȚU** (Romania) Regional Policy

Ms Elżbieta **BIEŃKOWSKA** (Poland) Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship & SMEs

Mr Johannes **HAHN** (Austria) European Neighbourhood Policy & Enlargement Negotiations

Mr Jonathan **HILL** (United Kingdom) Financial Stability, Financial Services & Capital Markets Union

Mr Phil **HOGAN** (Ireland) Agriculture & Rural Development

Ms Věra **JOUROVA** (Czech Republic) Justice, Consumers & Gender Equality

Ms Cecilia **MALMSTROM** (Sweden) Trade

Mr Neven **MIMICA** (Croatia) International Cooperation & Development

Mr Carlos **MOEDAS** (Portugal) Research, Science & Innovation

Mr Pierre **MOSCOVICI** (France) Economic & Financial Affairs

Mr Tibor **NAVRACSICS** (Hungary) Education, Culture, Youth & Citizenship

Mr Gunther **OETTINGER** (Germany) Digital Economy & Society

Mr Maroš **ŠEFČOVIČ** (Slovakia) Transport & Space

Mr Christos **STYLIANIDES** (Cyprus) Humanitarian Aid & Crisis Management

Ms Marianne **THYSSEN** (Belgium) Employment, Social Affairs, Skills & Labour Mobility

Mr Dimitris **AVRAMOPOULOS** (Greece) Migration & Home Affairs

Mr Miguel **ARIAS CANETE** (Spain) Climate Action & Energy

Mr Karmenu **VELLA** (Malta) Environment, Maritime Affairs & Fisheries

Mr Vytenis Povilas **ANDRIUKAITIS** (Lithuania) Health & Food Safety

Ms Margrethe **VESTAGER** (Denmark) Competition

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