

NEW FACES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION



Ursula von der Leyen

President of the European Commission



Minister of Defense in the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany (2013 - 2019)
 Minister of Labour and Social Affairs in the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany (2009 - 2013)
 Minister of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth in the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany (2005 - 2009)

- ★ Her candidacy was based on a compromise reached between member states.
- ★ She is open to EU enlargement to the countries of Western Balkans.
- ★ She is an experienced politician, with an ideology based on respect for democratic values and the rule of law.



Charles Michel

President of the European Council



Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Belgium (2014 - 2019)
 Minister of Development Cooperation in the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium (2007 - 2011)

- ★ He has significant political experience despite a relatively short political career.
- ★ He supports a multi-speed Europe and strengthening rule of law in member states.
- ★ He deals well with complex political situations.



David Sassoli

President of the European Parliament



Member of the European Parliament (2009 -)

- ★ He is trusted by his political group and his constituency.
- ★ He advocates a greater role of the European Parliament in the strengthening of the EU.
- ★ He worked previously as a journalist in print media as well as a TV reporter in Italy.



Overview:



- ✔ Retreat from the Spitzenkandidaten (lead candidates) process.
- ✔ For the first time in history a woman is going to head the European Commission.
- ✔ Leading positions belong to representatives of the three biggest political groupings.
- ✔ Representatives of the leading positions come from the founding states of the European Union.
- ✔ The election of the President of the European Commission was achieved by a narrow majority in the European Parliament.



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