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to the Commission**

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Subject: Commission President and his trainees from an American university in Baltimore

According to the Commission, President Juncker's team includes two trainees: from 1 October 2017 to 28 February 2018 they were Lisa S. and Andras O., and from 1 March to 31 July 2018 Elisa B. and Constance H.<sup>1</sup>.

In 2017-2018 the four trainees were all graduates of the same American University (Johns Hopkins). In 2016, another trainee from the same American university was also chosen.

What marvellous procedure allowed five individuals with the same American qualification and little interest in Europe to be selected for the most prestigious traineeships at the Commission?

Does the President's cabinet believe that master's graduates in international economics and international relations from the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore are more deserving than graduates from European universities?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/commissioners/2014-2019/president/team\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/commissioners/2014-2019/president/team_en)