

**Question for written answer E-001475/2021/rev.1  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Cecilia Malmström's candidacy for the position of OECD Secretary-General

Yesterday (15 March 2021), Mathias Cormann was appointed by the OECD Council as its new Secretary-General. Two of the four short-listed candidates, Cecilia Malmström and Anna Diamantopoulou, are from EU Member States. The importance of this position must not be underestimated. The European candidates, however, appear to have missed out, despite being undeniably strong contenders.

The question is therefore a simple one: What active support did they receive from the EU representatives in the OECD?