

Schedule: commissioner candidate hearings in Parliament



MEPs will examine the suitability of the candidates during public hearings at the Parliament

Parliament's committees will assess the fitness of the commissioners-designate for their proposed posts in public hearings between 30 September and 8 October. Watch it live online.

On 19 September, the Conference of Presidents, made up of President David Sassoli and the political group leaders, approved the agenda of the hearings (all times are CET):

	Commissioner	A s s i g n e d p o r t f o l i o	R e s p o n s i b l e c o m m i t t e e s	A s s o c i a t e d c o m m i t t e e s
Monday 30 September				

14.30 - 17.30	Maroš Šefčovič (Slovakia)	Interinstitutional relations and foresight	Constitutional affairs/legal affairs	Petitions/Industry, research and energy
18.30 -21.30	Phil Hogan (Ireland)	Trade	International trade	
	Mariya Gabriel (Bulgaria)	Innovation and youth	Industry, research and energy/culture and education	
Tuesday 1 October				
9.00-12.00	Nicolas Schmit (Luxembourg)	Jobs	Employment	Economic affairs
	Jutta Urpilainen (Finland)	International partnerships	Development	
14.30-17.30	Janusz Wojciechowski (Poland)	Agriculture	Agriculture	Environment
	Ylva Johansson (Sweden)	Home affairs	Civil liberties, justice and home affairs	
18.30-21.30	Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus)	Health	Environment	Agriculture
Wednesday 2 October				
9.00-12.00	Didier Reynders (Belgium)	Justice	Civil liberties, justice and home affairs/legal affairs	Internal market and consumer protection
14.30-17.30	Helena Dalli (Malta)	Equality	Gender equality/employment	Civil liberties, justice and home affairs
	Sylvie Goulard (France)	Internal market	Internal market and consumer protection/industry, research and energy	Legal affairs/culture and education
18.30-21.30	Elisa Ferreira (Portugal)	Cohesion and reforms	Regional development	Budgets/economic affairs
	Janez Lenarčič (Slovenia)	Crisis management	Development	Environment
Thursday 3 October				
9.00-12.00	Paolo Gentiloni (Italy)	Economy	Economic affairs	Budgets/employment
	Kadri Simson (Estonia)	Energy	Industry, research and energy	Environment
14.30-17.30	Virginijus Sinkevičius (Lithuania)	Environment and oceans	Fisheries/environment	

	Johannes Hahn (Austria)	Budget and administration	Budgets/budgetary controls	Legal affairs
18.30-21.30	Margaritis Schinas (Greece)	Protecting our European way of life	Civil liberties, justice and home affairs/culture and education	Employment
	Dubravka Šuica (Croatia)	Democracy and demography.	Constitutional affairs	Employment
Monday 7 October				
14.30-17.30	Věra Jourová (Czech Republic)	Values and transparency	Constitutional affairs/civil liberties, justice and home affairs	Legal affairs
	Josep Borrell (Spain)	EU foreign policy chief	Foreign affairs	
Tuesday 8 October				
9.00-12.00	Valdis Dombrovskis (Latvia)	Financial services	Economic affairs/employment	Budgets
14.30-17.30	Margrethe Vestager (Denmark)	Competition	Industry, research and energy/internal market and consumer protection/economic affairs	Legal affairs
18.30-21.30	Franz Timmermans (Netherlands)	European Green Deal	Environment	Industry, research and energy/transport

Commission President-elect Ursula von der Leyen announced the [portfolios of her proposed College of Commissioners](#) on 10 September.

The nominees are decided by the President-elect and national governments. They must each be assessed by the European Parliament committees covering the portfolio for which they have been proposed, before the Parliament votes on the Commission as a whole.

MEPs will assess if each nominee is fit for the position proposed and ready to deliver on the programme that von der Leyen outlined to Parliament in July. Each hearing will last three hours and be streamed live.

Next steps

After the hearings, the committees prepare evaluation letters on the candidates. Parliament is expected to vote on the new Commission as a whole on 23 October. Find out [more detail about the process in our infographic](#).

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