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Ursula von der Leyen

**President,
European Commission**

Ursula von der Leyen has been President of the European Commission since 2019. As the head of the European Union's executive, she has defined six headline ambitions for Europe for her mandate: a European Green Deal, a Europe fit for the digital age, an economy that works for people, a stronger Europe in the world, promoting our European way of life, and a new push for European democracy.

Before joining the Commission, von der Leyen held a number of federal ministerial portfolios in Germany, including Defence Minister, Minister for labour and social affairs, and Family Minister.



Kristalina Georgieva

**Managing Director,
International Monetary Fund**

Kristalina Georgieva is Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund. She was previously CEO of the World Bank (2017-2019) during which time she served as Interim President of the World Bank Group for three months.

She helped shape the agenda of the European Union in her role as European Commission Vice President for Budget and Human Resources (2014-2016) and as Commissioner for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response (2010-2014).

She began her career in public service at the World Bank as an Environmental Economist in 1993 where she went on to serve for 17 years in senior positions including Vice President and Corporate Secretary (2008-2010).

She holds a PhD in Economic Science from the University of National and World Economy in Bulgaria.



António Costa

**Prime Minister,
Portugal**

António Costa has been Portugal's Prime Minister since 2015.

He first became a Member of Parliament in 1991, before being appointed Secretary of State for Parliamentary Affairs in 1995 and Minister for Parliamentary Affairs in 1997. From 1999 to 2002, he served as Minister of Justice. He then chaired the Socialist Party Parliamentary Group until 2004.

Costa served as a Member and Vice President of the European Parliament from 2004 to 2005. He was then appointed Minister for Home Affairs, before being elected Mayor of Lisbon in 2007, 2009 and 2013. He also served as a Member of the European Committee of the Regions from 2010 to 2015, adding to his already extensive experience in the Council of the European Union and in the European Parliament.





Johannes Hahn

**Commissioner for Budget and Administration,
European Commission**

Johannes Hahn has held various management functions in the different sectors of the Austrian economy and industry, including as CEO of Novomatic AG for 5 years. Between 1992 and 1997, Mr. Hahn was Executive Director of the Austrian People's Party Vienna. In 2002, he was elected Deputy Chairman of the Party and Chairman in 2005. Member of the Regional Parliament of Vienna from 1996 to 2003, he became Federal Minister for Science and Research in 2007.

He was the Member of the European Commission in charge of Regional Policy from 2010 to 2014. From 2014 to 2019, he was the Member of the European Commission in charge of Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations. Since December 2019, he is the Member of the European Commission in charge of Budget and Administration.



Johan Van Overtveldt

**Member of the European Parliament,
Chair of the Committee on Budget**

Johan Van Overtveldt holds a Ph.D. in Applied Economics from the University of Antwerp as well as an MBA from the University of Leuven.

Johan Van Overtveldt started his career as a journalist for Trends, Belgium's leading business magazine in 1978. In 1982 he went on to pursue a career in business and finance. In the ensuing ten years he worked in banking, the manufacturing sector and the clothing industry. In 1992 he returned to Trends to become Editor in Chief. Subsequently he became an advisor for a construction firm as well as the General Director of an employers' organisation before finally returning to Trends for a second time in 2010. From September 2011 until October 2012 he became Editor in Chief for Knack, a weekly news magazine. As from 2012 he has been a part time macro-economics professor at the University of Hasselt.

After the elections in 2014, he took on the mandate of Federal Finance Minister in the Belgian government. After the European Elections of 2019 he was elected as a Member of the European Parliament. He is also Chair of the Budget Committee in this Parliament.

Nadia Calviño

Vice-President and Minister for Economy and Digitalisation, Spain

Nadia Calviño has been Spain's First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Economy and Digitalization since July 2021, before which she had served as Third and Second Vice-President of the same portfolio.

She was Minister for Economy and Business from 2018 to 2020, and Director-General in charge of the Budget within the European Commission from 2014 to 2018. Previous roles at the Commission include Deputy Director-General for Financial Services, and Deputy Director-General for Mergers and Antitrust at the Directorate General for Competition.

Calviño joined the Commission in 2006, having held senior positions at Spain's Ministry for Economy, including Deputy Director General for Legal Affairs, and for Mergers, and Director General for Competition.

Nadia Calviño holds a degree in Economics (1991) from the Universidad Complutense de Madrid (Spain) and a degree in Law (2001) from the Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED).



Clément Beaune

Minister of State for European Affairs, France

Clément Beaune is a graduate of the Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po) and of the Bruges College of Europe ("Montesquieu" year). He is an alumnus of the French National School of Public Administration (ENA) ("Willy Brandt" year).

After leaving ENA in 2009, Clément Beaune joined the Budget Directorate, as Deputy Head of the Finance Acts Bureau. In 2011, he became Deputy Head of the Research and Higher Education Bureau. From 2013 to 2014, Clément Beaune was a technical adviser (budget) to the Prime Minister.

From 2014 to 2016, he was European, International and Budgetary Affairs Adviser to the Minister of the Economy, Industry and the Digital Sector. From 2016 to 2017, he was Deputy CEO of ADP Management.

From 2017 to 2020, Clément Beaune was a Special Adviser within the Diplomatic Unit of the Presidency of the Republic.

On July 26, 2020, he is appointed Secretary of State for European Affairs to the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, in the Jean Castex government.





Christian Sewing

CEO of Deutsche Bank

CEO of Deutsche Bank's since April 2018, Christian Sewing has been a member of the bank's Management Board since January 2015, when he took on responsibility for Legal, the Incident Management Group and Group Audit. He later assumed responsibility for Deutsche Bank's Private and Commercial Bank, between July 2015 and April 2018.

Sewing was Head of Group Audit from 2013 to 2014, prior to which he held a number of management positions in Risk, including Deputy Chief Risk Officer from 2012 to 2013. He was Credit Officer from 2010 to 2012, and has been with the bank since 1989.

From 2005 until 2007, Christian Sewing was a member of the Management Board of Deutsche Genossenschafts-Hypothekenbank.

Before graduating with a diploma from the Bankakademie Bielefeld and Hamburg, he completed a bank apprenticeship at Deutsche Bank in 1989.



Gert Jan Koopman

**Director-General for Budget,
European Commission**

Gert Jan Koopman has been the Director-General of the European Commission's budget department since August 2018. In his role, he is in charge of all aspects of the EU budget management, including the borrowing to finance the recovery under the NextGenerationEU instrument.

He has been working for the Commission for three decades in various capacities, including being in charge of state aid control at the Directorate-General for Competition. Prior to that, he held director positions in the Commission's Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs, and for Enterprise and Industry (now DG GROW).

In the past, Mr Koopman was a member of the Commission's Impact Assessment Board. He worked in Vice-President Neil Kinnock's cabinet, most recently as Head of Cabinet.

Before joining the Commission, Mr Koopman was an associate of the Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Research (CPB).

A Dutch national, he holds degrees in Economics and Latin and Greek from the University of Amsterdam.

Clemens Fuest

President of the Institute for Economic Research and Director of the Center for Economic Studies University of Munich

Clemens Fuest is President of the Ifo Institute for Economic Research, Professor for Economics and Public Finance at the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Director of the Center for Economic Studies, and Executive Director of CESifo GmbH. He has been a member of the German Federal Ministry of Finance's Scientific Advisory Board since 2003, and is a member of various other scientific academies and advisory boards.

Before becoming Ifo President in April 2016, Fuest was President of the Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW) and Professor of Economics at the University of Mannheim. Prior to that, he held various professorships in business taxation and public economics at the University of Oxford, the Bocconi University in Milan, and the University of Cologne. His research areas are economic and financial policy, international taxation, tax policy, and European integration.

Clemens Fuest has published widely in German and international academic journals, a number of books and regularly contributes to public debates on economic and fiscal policy.



Elena Carletti

**Professor of Finance,
Bocconi University, Department of Finance**

Elena Carletti is Professor of Finance at Bocconi University and founder Director of the Florence School of Banking and Finance at the European University Institute, where she now serves as scientific advisor.

Carletti is also a member of Board of Directors of UniCredit SpA and a member of the Advisory Scientific Committee of the European Systemic Risk Board (ESRB). In addition, she is currently Vice-President of the European Finance Association, of which she will be President in 2022, and director of the Unit Banking, Finance and Regulation at the Baffi Carefin Center of Bocconi University.

Before joining Bocconi University in 2013, Carletti was Professor of Economics at the European University Institute from 2008 to 2013, holding a joint chair in the Economics Department and the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies.





Cinzia Alcidi

**Director of Research,
Centre for European Policy Studies**

Cinzia Alcidi is Director of Research at CEPS (Centre for European Policy Studies), the Brussels-based think tank. Her research interests include international macroeconomics, economic policy, EU governance and integration, as well as social policies.

She has long professional experience in providing evidence-based policy analysis to national governments and EU institutions. She is also the author of numerous studies and articles in scientific journals.

Prior to joining CEPS in 2008, she worked at the International Labour Office in Geneva and taught International Economics at the University of Perugia (Italy). Cinzia Alcidi holds a Ph.D. degree in International Economics from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva (Switzerland).



Sylvain Broyer

S&P Chief Economist, EMEA

Sylvain joined S&P Global Ratings in September 2018 as Chief EMEA Economist, based in Frankfurt.

Before that, Sylvain was Head of Economics at the French investment bank Natixis and a member of the General Management of its German Branch.

Sylvain has been a member of the “ECB shadow Council”, a panel of leading European economists formed by German economic daily Handelsblatt since November 2012, and is a member of different public sector advisory groups (European Investment Bank, European Security Markets Authority, French Markets regulation authority).

Sylvain holds doctorate degrees in Economics from the Universities of Frankfurt and of Lyon as well as a certification from the International Securities Market Association (ISMA). He teaches at the Paris Dauphine University for the Master 224 in Banking & Finance.

Sam Fleming

**Brussels Bureau Chief,
Financial Times**

Sam Fleming has been Brussels Bureau Chief at the Financial Times (FT) since August 2019. Before that, he was the FT's US Economics Editor in Washington D.C. for nearly five years, having started as the newspaper's Financial Policy Correspondent in London in October 2013.

He worked as Economics Editor for The Times of London from 2010 and 2013. Between 2006 and 2010 he was Associate City Editor and Economics Correspondent for the Daily Mail newspaper, also in London. He started his work in journalism at Bloomberg in 2001, where he covered industry, the stock market and latterly economics until 2005.

Between 1997 and 2000 he worked at Slaughter and May, a London-based corporate law firm, qualifying as a solicitor in mergers and acquisitions in 1999. He studied law at the College of Law, London, from 1994 to 1996. His university degree was at Pembroke College, Cambridge, where he graduated in 1994.

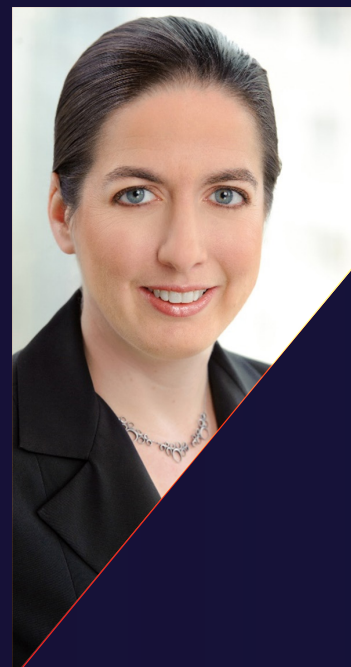


Rebecca Christie

Bruegel Fellow

Rebecca Christie is a non-resident fellow at Bruegel, the Brussels-based economic policy think tank. She writes and speaks publicly about EU politics, financial regulation, tax and climate finance issues.

Previously, she was the lead author on "Safeguarding the Euro in Times of Crisis", the official history of the European Stability Mechanism, and worked for more than 20 years as an economics and politics correspondent for Bloomberg News, Dow Jones/The Wall Street Journal and the Financial Times.





Philippe Lamberts

**Member of the European Parliament,
Greens/ EFA Co-President**

Philippe Lamberts graduated as an engineer in applied mathematics from the Catholic University of Louvain. From 1987 to 2009, he held various commercial and managerial positions at IBM.

In June 2009, he was elected to the European Parliament for a first term, mainly dealing with banking and financial regulations. On 25 May 2014, he was re-elected as MEP and one month later became Co-President of the Greens/EFA Group following an internal election process.

After five years dedicated to strengthening the position of environmentalists within and outside the European institutions, Philippe got re-elected as Co-President of the Green Group that became Parliament's fourth largest political force following the European elections on 26 May 2019. For his third and final term as MEP, Philippe aims to put climate emergency at the top of the European agenda.



Diana Ürge-Vorsatz

**Vice Chair of Working Group III (Mitigation) of IPCC
(Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change)**

Diana Ürge-Vorsatz is a Professor at the Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy at the Central European University (CEU). She served as the Acting Head of Department at CEU in 2002-2003 and directed the PhD program in 2003 – 2004.

Diana Ürge-Vorsatz was a Coordinating Lead Author in two Assessment Reports of the IPCC. She served on the United Nation's Scientific Expert Group on Climate Change, and led the buildings-related work in the Global Energy Assessment. She was a Visiting Professor at the International Christian University of Tokyo and a Research Scholar at IIASA (International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis). She has been serving on the Governing and Advisory boards of several organizations, including Innogy (formerly RWE), the Austrian Climate and Energy Fund (KLIEN), the European Climate Foundation (ECF), the UK Energy Research Centre (UKERC), and the Hungarian Energy-Efficiency Cofinancing Program (HEECP), and the Club of Budapest.

She holds a Ph.D. from the University of California.

Clara De La Torre

Deputy Director-General for Climate Action, European Commission

Since 1 September 2019, Clara de la Torre has held the post of Deputy Director General in the Directorate-General for Climate Action in the European Commission. Prior to her current appointment, her professional career focussed on research and innovation policy. She had been Director for Transport in the Directorate-General for Research & Innovation from 2016 to 2019.

Previously, starting in 2014, she was responsible for Key Enabling Technologies, following a 3-year appointment as Director in the field of Innovation.

In the late 1990s, she dealt with National Research Policies and Intergovernmental Cooperation. She worked at the EU Joint Research Centre in Brussels and Seville, where she was Advisor to the Director of the Institute for Prospective Technological Studies. Before joining the European Commission, she had spent some years in the private sector.

Clara de la Torre has a degree in Economics and Business Administration from the Universidad Autónoma of Madrid.



Jon Blöndal

Head of Budgeting and Public Management, OECD

Jón R. Blöndal is Head of Public Management and Budgeting Division, Public Governance Directorate, Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

He leads a team of expert practitioners to assist countries improve their public sector's performance. Guided by good governance principles and sustainable fiscal objectives, the Division assists countries achieve policy goals through arrangements that allocate budgets to priority areas. It supports the OECD Committee of Senior Budget Officials (SBO) and the OECD Paris Collaborative on Green Budgeting.

Mr. Blöndal is Co-chair of the Public Interest Committee, the oversight body for the International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (IPSASB).

He is Editor-in-Chief of the quarterly OECD Journal on Budgeting.

Prior to joining the OECD in 1995, Mr. Blöndal held a number of positions in the Ministry of Finance and Office of the Prime Minister in Iceland.





Ester Asin Martinez

Director, WWF European Policy Office

Ester Asin Martinez has been Director of WWF's European Policy Office since October 2018.

She has been leading civil society organisations' engagement with the EU for nearly 20 years, holding leadership, senior advocacy and resource-mobilisation roles at NGOs including Save the Children, CARE International and CONCORD. She developed CONCORD's Aid Watch initiative, successfully lobbied to increase EU humanitarian funding for education in emergencies, and led the coalition of organisations advocating for better protection of migrant children.

Asin Martinez has worked for the European Commission in West Africa, as well as the European Consumers Organisation (BEUC) in Brussels. She has also been a board member for the humanitarian NGO network VOICE, and was Chair of the environmental NGO network Green 10 in 2019.

Ester is a Spanish national. She holds degrees in Spanish Law, a DEA (Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies) in EU Law, and an M.A. in European Political and Administrative Studies from the College of Europe in Bruges.

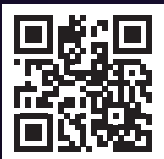


Beatriz Ríos

El Economista correspondent

Beatriz Ríos is a Brussels-based European reporter, broadcast journalist, and moderator. She currently works as the correspondent for the Spanish Economic newspaper El Economista, the regional TV Telemadrid, and the Luxembourgish new site the Luxembourg Times.

Beatriz has an extensive career covering EU affairs working for Spanish and international media such as Euractiv, Antena 3, Euronews, Público, BBC, or LN24. Over the past few years, she has become a regular events moderator and conference host for private companies, public institutions, NGOs, and media outlets.





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