

THE NEW EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT KEY COMMITTEE COMPOSITION 31 JULY 2019

INTRODUCTION

After several marathon sessions, the European Council agreed on the line-up for the EU “top jobs” on 2 July 2019. The deal, which notably saw German Defence Minister **Ursula von der Leyen** (CDU, EPP) surprisingly designated as the next European Commission (EC) President, meant that the European Parliament (EP) could proceed with the election of its own leadership on 3 July.

The EPP and Renew Europe (formerly ALDE) groups, in line with the agreement, did not present candidates for the EP President. As such, the vote pitted the S&D’s **David-Maria Sassoli** (IT) against two former Spitzenkandidaten – **Ska Keller** (DE) of the Greens and **Jan Zahradil** (CZ) of the ACRE/ECR, alongside placeholder candidate **Sira Rego** (ES) of GUE. Sassoli was elected President for the first half of the 2019 – 2024 mandate, while the EPP (presumably EPP Spitzenkandidat **Manfred Weber**) would take the reins from January 2022. The vote was largely seen as a formality and a demonstration of the three largest Groups’ capacity to govern. However, Zahradil received almost 100 votes (more than the total votes of the ECR group), and Keller received almost twice as many votes as there are Greens/EFA MEPs. This forced a second round in which Sassoli was narrowly elected with just 11 more than the necessary simple majority. Close to 12% of MEPs did not cast a ballot.

MEPs also elected 14 Vice-Presidents (VPs): **Mairead McGuinness** (EPP, IE), **Pedro Silva Pereira** (S&D, PT), **Rainer Wieland** (EPP, DE), **Katarina Barley** (S&D, DE), **Othmar Karas** (EPP, AT), **Ewa Kopacz** (EPP, PL), **Klara Dobrev** (S&D, HU), **Dita Charanzová** (RE, CZ), **Nicola Beer** (RE, DE), **Livia Járóka** (EPP, HU) and **Heidi Hautala** (Greens/EFA, FI) were elected in the first ballot, while **Marcel Kolaja** (Greens/EFA, CZ), **Dimitrios Papadimoulis** (GUE/NGL, EL) and **Fabio Massimo Castaldo** (NI, IT) needed the second round.

A majority of the EP Bureau will be female. Germany is represented by VPs from the three largest Groups, and the five freshman MEPs elected VP reflect the high number of newcomers in the Parliament. The ECR will not have a VP, and instead there will be a “non-inscrit” and a Pirate Party member.

Below, we outline the 10 Committees most important to business in Europe:

- [The International Trade Committee \(INTA\)](#)
- [The Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee \(ECON\)](#)
- [The Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee \(ENVI\)](#)
- [The Industry Research and Energy Committee \(ITRE\)](#)
- [The Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee \(IMCO\)](#)
- [The Transport and Tourism Committee \(TRAN\)](#)
- [The Agriculture and Rural Development Committee \(AGRI\)](#)
- [The Culture and Education Committee \(CULT\)](#)
- [The Legal Affairs Committee \(JURI\)](#)
- [The Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee \(LIBE\)](#)

For each of the selected committees, we describe their composition, internal dynamics, political balance and leadership (as far as possible)¹, as well as MEPs to watch. In the case of re-elected MEPs who have switched Committees in this mandate, they are categorised as returning rather than newcomers.

To help you get acquainted with newcomers deemed important in each committee, short biographies can be found in the [Annex](#).

¹ At the time of writing, the ID and GUE/NGL groups had yet to select their Committee coordinators

INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMITTEE (INTA)

ANALYSIS

INTA stays at **41 members**, though the allocation between political groups has changed. The **influence of the EPP group is reduced** (moving from 13 seats to 10) while the S&D has lost one seat, leaving it with 8. Meanwhile, the Greens have doubled their representation from 2 to 4 seats, and RE will hold 6 seats in the new mandate, two more than previously. ID hold 5 seats, two more than ENF had, while ECR and GUE/NGL hold 3 and 2 respectively, both losing 1 seat.

In terms of voting coalitions in the Committee, the combined votes of the EPP, S&D, and RE members would grant a majority. However, the S&D group has a tendency to split in INTA, and the Greens tend to vote against trade liberalising measures. Therefore, **the Committee will remain unpredictable**, a state of affairs made worse by the increased presence of the far-right, even if the three ECR votes will likely remain important in pushing through pro-free trade dossiers.

COORDINATORS

- **EPP: Christophe Hansen (LU); Deputy: Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou (EL)**
- **S&D: Kathleen Van Brempt (BE)**
- **RE: Karin Karlsbro (SE); Deputy: Samira Rafaela (NL)**
- **GREENS/EFA: Heidi Hautala (FI)**
- **ECR: Geert Bourgeois (BE); Deputy: Emmanouil Fragkos (GR)**
- **ID and GUE/NGL: TBD**

LEADERSHIP

- **Chair: Bernd Lange (DE, S&D)**
- **First Vice-Chair: Jan Zahradil (CZ, ECR)**
- **Second Vice-Chair: Iuliu Winkler (RO, EPP)**
- **Third Vice-Chair: Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou (GR, EPP)**
- **Fourth Vice-Chair: Marie-Pierre Vedrenne (FR, RE)**

KEY NEWCOMERS

- **Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou (GR, EPP)**
- **Sven Simon (DE, EPP)**
- **Mihai Tudose (RO, S&D)**
- **Samira Rafaela (NL, RE)**
- **Marie-Pierre Vedrenne (FR, RE)**
- **Anna Cavazzini (DE, Greens/EFA)**
- **Geert Bourgeois (BE, ECR)**
- **Emmanouil Fragkos (GR, ECR)**
- **Karin Karlsbro (SE, RE)**

RETURNING

- **Daniel Caspary (DE, EPP)**
- **Christophe Hansen (LU, EPP)**
- **Iuliu Winkler (RO, EPP)**
- **Bernd Lange (DE, S&D)**
- **Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero (ES, S&D)**
- **Kathleen van Brempt (BE, S&D)**
- **Heidi Hautala (FI, Greens/EFA)**
- **Jan Zahradil (CZ, ECR)**

ECONOMIC & MONETARY AFFAIRS (ECON)

ANALYSIS

The ECON committee will be **marginally smaller (-2) than in the previous mandate** with 60 full members. Its composition will be balanced between EPP and S&D, with 14 and 13 full members respectively. RE will follow with 8 seats, and ID and non inscripts with 6 each. The Greens/EFA and ECR groups have 5 each and GUE/NGL has 3 MEPs.

Overall, the new ECON committee will be a fair representation of the Parliament at large with no political force leading. However, the **balance of power within the committee has changed** as the EPP's delegation has significantly shrunk from 19 to 14 MEPs, while RE and ID each grew by three seats. This could make finding compromises a challenge and for more contested votes on specific files.

Based on the division of competences between the EU and Member States, ECON committee has a consultative role on some issues (e.g. the European Monetary Fund) and a decisive role in others (e.g. the European deposit insurance scheme (EDIS) and Sustainable Finance, together with ENVI).

COORDINATORS

- **EPP:** Markus Ferber (DE); Deputy: Lidia Pereira (PT)
- **S&D:** Jonás Fernández (ES)
- **RE:** Luis Garicano (ES); Deputy: Stéphanie Yon-Courtin (FR)
- **GREENS/EFA:** Sven Giegold (DE)
- **ECR:** Derk Jan Eppink (NL); Deputy: Johan Van Overtveldt (BE)
- **GUE/NGL:** Manon Aubry (FR)
- **ID:** TBD

LEADERSHIP

- **Chair:** Roberto Gualtieri (IT, S&D)
- **First Vice-Chair:** Luděk Niedermayer (CZ, EPP)
- **Second Vice-Chair:** Stéphanie Yon-Courtin (FR, RE)
- **Third Vice-Chair:** Derk Jan Eppink (NL, ECR)
- **Fourth Vice-Chair:** José Gusmão (PT, GUE/NGL)

KEY NEWCOMERS

- José Manuel García-Margallo (ES, EPP)
- Lídia Pereira (PT, EPP)
- Marek Belka (PL, S&D)
- Eero Heinäluoma (FI, S&D)
- Luis Garicano (ES, RE)
- Gilles Boyer (FR, RE)
- Billy Kelleher (IE, RE)
- Stéphanie Yon-Courtin (FR, RE)
- Stéphane Séjourné (FR, RE)
- Johan Van Overtveldt (BE, ECR)
- Derk Jan Eppink (NL, ECR)
- Manon Aubry (FR, GUE/NGL)
- José Gusmão (PT, GUE/NGL)

RETURNING

- Cristian-Silviu Buşoi (RO, EPP)
- Markus Ferber (DE, EPP)
- Othmar Karas (AT, EPP)
- Danuta Maria Hübner (PL, EPP)
- Luděk Niedermayer (CZ, EPP)
- Roberto Gualtieri (IT, S&D)
- Pedro Silva Pereira (PT, S&D)
- Paul Tang (NL, S&D)
- Philippe Lamberts (BE, Greens/EFA)
- Sven Giegold (DE, Greens/EFA)
- Jonás Fernández (ES, S&D)

ANALYSIS

The ENVI Committee **will be larger than in the previous mandate (and the biggest of this legislature), numbering 76 full members** (up from 69) and 76 subs. The enlargement reflects the growing interest of political groups in environmental topics and was expanded from an initial 72 seats during the meeting of political leaders to accommodate the wishes of the S&D, Greens, GUE and NI for more representation than initially envisaged. Despite the growth of the ENVI Committee, the two largest groups both decrease their representation. The EPP group claimed 18 seats (-3), S&D 16 (-2), Renew Europe (formerly ALDE) grew from 6 to 11 seats, and the Greens/EFA from 6 to 8. GUE/NGL stays stable at 5 seats and ECR captures 6 seats, losing one. ID MEPs in ENVI number 7 and NI MEPs, largely due to the dissolution of EFDD, hold 5 seats. 27 of the full members are returning MEPs, and just over a dozen are former ENVI members. That means **a vast majority of the Committee is newcomers.**

The **Committee leadership will be left-leaning.** The Chair is from the Renew Europe (RE) MEP **Pascal Canfin** (FR), who served as Development minister in the government of the Socialist President François Hollande and was sitting with the Greens as an MEP before that. First Vice Chair is the Greens' co-Spitzenkandidat **Bas Eickhout** (NL), while the second Vice Chair is S&D's **Seb Dance** (UK), who belongs to the moderate wing of the Group. The third Vice Chair comes from the EPP – **Cristian-Silviu Buşoi** (RO) – and the fourth **Anja Hazenkamp** (NL) from GUE/NGL. In total, four out of five ENVI Bureau members come from the left of political spectrum.

ENVI is an influential and broad committee, addressing anything from emissions to medicines to food safety. **Building majorities will be more complicated than in the past, with a more balanced composition of the committee and more prominent fragmentation on some of the key issues within political groups.** Not only that EPP and S&D no longer have a majority, but on many issues they oppose each other in the Committee. It is, therefore, very likely that majorities for separate files will be very different and to some extent reflect more national policies and priorities rather than those of political groups.

COORDINATORS

- **EPP: Peter Liese (DE); Deputy: Jessica Polfjärd (SE)**
- **S&D: Jytte Guteland (SE)**
- **RE: Nils Torvalds (FI)**
- **GREENS/EFA: Bas Eickhout (NL)**
- **ECR: Alexandr Vondra (CZ); Deputy: Pietro Fiocchi (IT)**
- **GUE/NGL and ID: TBD**

LEADERSHIP

- **Chair: Pascal Canfin (FR, RE)**
- **First Vice-Chair: Bas Eickhout (NL, Greens/EFA)**
- **Second Vice-Chair: Seb Dance (UK, S&D)**
- **Third Vice-Chair: Cristian-Silviu Buşoi (RO, EPP)**
- **Fourth Vice-Chair: Anja Hazenkamp (NL, GUE/NGL)**

KEY NEWCOMERS

- **Bartosz Arłukowicz (PL, EPP)**
- **Ewa Kopacz (PL, EPP)**
- **Dolors Montserrat (ES, EPP)**
- **Jessica Polfjärd (SE, EPP)**
- **Michał Wiezik (SK, EPP)**
- **Rovana Plumb (RO, S&D)**
- **Delara Burkhardt (DE, S&D)**
- **Sara Cerdas (PT, S&D)**
- **Pascal Canfin (FR, RE)**
- **Andreas Glück (DE, RE)**
- **Martin Hojsik (SK, RE)**
- **Aileen McLeod (UK, Greens/EFA)**
- **Grace O'Sullivan (IE, Greens/EFA)**
- **Joanna Kopcińska (PL, ECR)**
- **Alexandr Vondra (PL, ECR)**
- **Pietro Fiocchi (IT, ECR)**
- **Petros Kokkalis (GR, GUE/NGL)**

RETURNING

- **Peter Liese (DE, EPP)**
- **Cristian-Silviu Buşoi (RO, EPP)**
- **Adina Vălean (RO, EPP) – SUB**
- **Esther de Lange (NL, EPP)**
- **Miriam Dalli (MT, S&D)**
- **Seb Dance (UK, S&D)**
- **Simona Bonafè (IT, S&D)**
- **Fredrick Federley (SE, RE)**
- **Frédérique Ries (BE, RE)**
- **Nils Torvalds (FI, RE)**
- **Margrete Auken (DK, Greens/EFA)**
- **Bas Eickhout (NL, Greens/EFA)**
- **Yannick Jadot (FR, Greens/EFA)**
- **Anja Hazenkamp (NL, GUE/NGL)**

INDUSTRY, RESEARCH & ENERGY (ITRE)

ANALYSIS

The ITRE Committee will be the **second largest** in the EP, with 72 full members and 72 substitutes. Compared to the 2014-2019 mandate, ITRE has **6 additional full members and a much more even distribution of votes among the Groups**.

Compared to the last mandate, where the EPP had 20 full members, they now have 18. S&D will also have fewer seats, 15 compared to 17 in 2014-19, while both Renew Europe and the Greens increase their representation – RE with 10 instead of 7 and Greens 8 instead of 5. ECR and GUE/NGL will maintain their numbers with 6 and 4 members respectively. ID (ex-ENF) will have 7 seats, compared to the 3 they had in the previous mandate. Finally, there will be 4 NI MEPs, mainly from the defunct EFDD: Brexit Party and 5Stars.

S&D struggled to fill their quota in ITRE, with MEPs preferencing ENVI and even FEMM, while the EPP had a surplus of interest for ITRE. Based on the numbers and ideological balance of the Committee, **Renew Europe may play a crucial role in determining majorities**. Their ITRE delegation is packed with business-friendly MEPs, most with **high interest in the digital single market**.

The ITRE committee, which compared to the other committees benefit from a **significant number of experienced returning MEPs** also has a **pro-business leadership**. Committee is chaired by **Adina-Iona Valean (RO, EPP)**, with the first Vice-Chair the ECR's longstanding ITRE coordinator **Zdzisław Krasnodebski (PL)**. RE's Vice-Chair will be ITRE veteran, **Morten Petersen (DK)**, while the remaining two seats on the Bureau go to S&D with returning Vice-Chair Patrizia Toia (IT) and Lina Galvez Muñoz (ES).

COORDINATORS

- **EPP:** Christian Ehler (DE); Deputy: **Maria Da Graça Carvalho (PT)**
- **S&D:** Dan Nica (RO)
- **RE:** Martina Dlabajová (CZ); **Christophe Grudler (FR)**
- **GREENS/EFA:** Ville Niinistö (FI)
- **ECR:** Zdzisław Krasnodebski (PL); Deputy: **Evžen Tošenovský (CZ)**
- **GUE/NGL and ID:** **TBD**

LEADERSHIP

- **Chair:** Adina-Iona Valean (RO, EPP)
- **First Vice-Chair:** Zdzisław Krasnodebski (PL, ECR)
- **Second Vice-Chair:** Morten Peteresen (DK, RE)
- **Third Vice-Chair:** Patrizia Toia (IT, S&D)
- **Fourth Vice-Chair:** Lina Galvez Muñoz (ES, S&D)

KEY NEWCOMERS

- **Andrius Kubilius (LT, EPP)**
- **François-Xavier Bellamy (FR, EPP)**
- **Maria Da Graça Carvalho (PT, EPP)**
- **Carlo Calenda (IT, S&D)**
- **Lina Galvez Muñoz (ES, S&D)**
- **Mauri Pekkarinen (FI, RE)**
- **Andrus Ansip (EE, RE)**
- **Nikola Beer (DE, RE)**
- **Katalin Cseh (HU, RE)**
- **Christophe Grudler (FR, RE)**
- **Ville Niinistö (FI, Greens/EFA)**
- **Damian Boeselager (DE, Greens/EFA)**
- **Thierry Mariani (FR, ID)**
- **Grzegorz Tobiszowski (PL, ECR)**

RETURNING

- **Christian Ehler (DE, EPP)**
- **Pilar del Castillo Vera (ES, EPP)**
- **Jerzy Buzek (PL, EPP)**
- **Angelika Niebler (DE, EPP)**
- **Antonio Tajani (IT, EPP)**
- **Sean Kelly (IE, EPP)**
- **Adina-Iona Valean (RO, EPP)**
- **Dan Nica (RO, S&D)**
- **Eva Kaili (GR, S&D)**
- **Patrizia Toia (IT, S&D)**
- **Morten Peteresen (DK, RE)**
- **Iskra Mihaylova (BG, RE)**
- **Martina Dlabajová (CZ, RE)**
- **Zdzisław Krasnodebski (PL, ECR)**
- **Evžen Tošenovský (CZ, ECR)**
- **Aldo Patriciello (IT, EPP)**

ANALYSIS

The IMCO Committee will have 45 full members in the new legislature, being **slightly bigger than in the last mandate** (41). The EPP takes the largest proportion of the seats, despite losing one member (11); S&D will be the second largest, though losing two seats (9); Renew Europe gained three (7), same as Greens/EFA (5); ID doubled their representation (4); ECR maintained their representation (4), as did GUE/NGL (2); and the NIs gained two (3).

During the past mandate, ECR's **Anneleen van Bossuyt** (BE) chaired the IMCO Committee and it was reasonably pro-industry. For 2019-2024, IMCO will be chaired by the Greens' newly elected Belgian MEP **Petra De Sutter**. **Pierre Karleskind** (FR, RE) and **Róża Thun** (PL, EPP) will also serve as Vice-Chairs, with the last two Bureau members coming from S&D – **Maria Grapini** (RO) and **Maria Manuel Leitão Marques** (PT).

Many familiar IMCO faces will be returning including **Andreas Schwab** (DE, EPP) as EPP coordinator. Missing prominent IMCO MEPs from the last mandate include former Chair van Bossuyt (BE, ECR); ECR coordinator Daniel Dalton (UK) who had a key role in many files, food and tech ally Anna Maria Corazza Bildt (SE, EPP) and S&D coordinator Nicola Danti (IT, S&D), crucial to the Goods Package, all of whom are no longer MEPs.

COORDINATORS

- **EPP: Andreas Schwab (DE); Deputy: Pablo Arias Echeverría (ES)**
- **S&D: Christel Schaldemose (DK)**
- **RE: Dita Charanzová (CZ)**
- **GREENS/EFA: Marcel Kolaja (CZ)**
- **ECR: Adam Bielan (PL); Deputy: Carlo Fidenza (IT)**
- **GUE/NGL and ID: TBD**

LEADERSHIP

- **Chair: Petra de Sutter (BE, Greens/EFA)**
- **First Vice-Chair: Pierre Karleskind (RE, FR)**
- **Second Vice-Chair: Maria Grapini (RO, S&D)**
- **Third Vice-Chair: Róża Thun und Hohenstein (PL, EPP)**
- **Fourth Vice-Chair: Maria Manuel Leitao Marques (PT, S&D)**

KEY NEWCOMERS

- **Pablo Arias Echeverría (ES, EPP)**
- **Kris Peeters (BE, EPP)**
- **Maria Manuel Leitão Marques (PT, S&D)**
- **Andrus Ansip (EE, RE)**
- **Pierre Karleskind (FR, RE)**
- **Petra De Sutter (BE, Greens/EFA)**
- **Marcel Kolaja (CZ, Greens/EFA)**
- **Adam Bielan (PL, ECR)**
- **Petra de Sutter (BEL, Greens/EFA)**
- **Carlo Fidenza (IT, ECR)**

RETURNING

- **Andreas Schwab (DE, EPP)**
- **Róża Thun und Hohenstein (PL, EPP)**
- **Pilar del Castillo Vera (ES, EPP)**
- **Evelyne Gerbhardt (DE, S&D)**
- **Maria Grapini (RO, S&D)**
- **Christel Schaldemose (DK, S&D)**
- **Dita Charanzová (CZ, RE)**

TRANSPORT & TOURISM (TRAN)

ANALYSIS

TRAN will consist of 49 full members, one more compared to the previous mandate. The EPP group will have 12 members, followed by the S&D with 10 MEPs, RE with 7, and 5 seats each for Greens/EFA and ID. ECR will have 4, and GUE/NGL and non-attached members will have 3 each. **While the composition of the committee is relatively proportional, the leadership could be somewhat left-leaning.**

The Greens/EFA group has claimed the Chair position, and the outgoing TRAN Chair **Karima Delli (FR)** will continue in her position. S&D Group will have two Vice-Chairs – **Istvan Ujhelyi (HU)** and **Johan Danielson (SE)** with the remaining Bureau posts allocated to German EPP member **Sven Schulze** and the RE German MEP **Jan-Christoph Oetjen**, who took the spot initially allocated to the ID.

TRAN and ENVI both being under the effective leadership of Green MEPs (ENVI Chair Canfin used to sit with the Greens in the past), and left-leaning Bureaus can be indicative of the directions in which discussions may lead in the coming period. However, a recent pushback on green targets for car industry from the EPP and especially their German delegation could make for a contested work in TRAN committee. There will also be a push from certain MEPs to raise the profile of tourism within the Committee, with the possibility that a sub-committee will be formed.

COORDINATORS

- **EPP: Marian-Jean Marinescu (RO); Deputy: Barbara Thaler (AT)**
- **S&D: Ismail Ertug (DE)**
- **RE: José Ramón Bauzá Díaz (ES)**
- **GREENS/EFA: Ciarán Cuffe (IE)**
- **ECR: Roberts Zile (LV); Deputy: Kozma Zlotowski (PL)**
- **GUE/NGL and ID: TBD**

LEADERSHIP

- **Chair: Karima Delli (FR, Greens/EFA)**
- **First Vice-Chair: Johan Danielson (SE, S&D)**
- **Second Vice-Chair: Sven Schulze (DE, EPP)**
- **Third Vice-Chair: Istvan Ujhelyi (HU, S&D)**
- **Fourth Vice-Chair: Jan-Christoph Oetjen (DE, RE)**

KEY NEWCOMERS

- **Tom Berendsen (NL, EPP)**
- **Barbara Thaler (AT, EPP)**
- **Pablo Arias Echevarría (ES, EPP)**
- **Johan Danielson (SE, S&D)**
- **José Ramón Bauzá Díaz (ES, RE)**
- **Jan-Christoph Oetjen (DE, RE)**
- **Ciarán Cuffe (IE, Greens/EFA)**
- **Marco Campomenosi (IT, ID)**
- **Julie Lechanteux (FR, ID)**

RETURNING

- **Marian-Jean Marinescu (RO, EPP)**
- **Henna Virkkunen (FI, EPP)**
- **Sven Schulze (DE, EPP)**
- **Ismail Ertug (DE, S&D)**
- **Istvan Ujhelyi (HU, S&D)**
- **Dominique Riquet (FR, RE)**
- **Karima Delli (FR, Greens/EFA)**
- **Roberts Zile (LV, ECR)**
- **Kozma Zlotowski (PL, ECR)**

AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (AGRI)

ANALYSIS

The 2019 – 2024 AGRI Committee has 48 full members. The EPP remains the biggest group with 12 seats and the S&D the second largest with 10 seats. Renew Europe gains three seats and is the third largest group with 7 seats. The Greens also gain two seats (5) MEPs. Identity and Democracy have 5 seats, taking over the seats of the ENF group and parts of the now defunct EFDD. The ECR has 4 seats (-2), and GUE/NGL now have 3 seats (-1). The number of NI members increases to 2.

The AGRI leadership was heavily contested. **ID picked AGRI for their Chairmanship, but mainstream political parties opposed their candidate**, newcomer MEP **Maxette Pirbakas** (FR), as a part of the so-called *cordon sanitaire*. Adding more to the initial confusion, the ID group had originally been expected to propose **Ivan David** (CZ) for the role. Finally, it was EPP's **Norbert Lins** (DE) who got to lead the Committee. His party colleague and AGRI veteran **Daniel Buda** (RO) will serve a Vice-Chair, together with new MEPs **Mazaly Aguilar** (ES, ECR) and **Francisco Guerreiro** (PT, Greens/EFA), with the Fourth Vice Chair to MEP **Elsi Katainen** (FI, RE). Aguilar, as a representative of the far-right Vox party, had been expected by some also to be rejected through the *cordon sanitaire*, but was eventually approved by the mainstream parties.

COORDINATORS

- **EPP: Herbert Dorfmann (IT); Vice- Coordinator: Juan Ignacio Zoido Alvarez (ES).**
- **S&D: Paulo De Castro (IT)**
- **RE : Ulrike Müller (DE); Deputy: Martin Hlaváček (CZ)**
- **GREENS/EFA: Martin Häusling (DE)**
- **ECR: TBC**
- **GUE/ NGL: Luke Ming Flanagan (IE)**
- **ID: TBD**

LEADERSHIP

- **Chair: Norbert Lins (DE, EPP)**
- **First Vice-Chair: Francisco Guerreiro (PT, Greens/ EFA)**
- **Second Vice-Chair: Daniel Buda (RO, EPP)**
- **Third Vice-Chair: Mazaly Aguilar (ES, ECR)**
- **Fourth Vice-Chair: Elsi Katainen (FI, RE)**

KEY NEWCOMERS

- **Benoit Lutgen (BE, EPP)**
- **Juan Ignacio Zoido Alvarez (ES, EPP)**
- **Corina Cretu (RO, S&D)**
- **Dacian Ciolos (RO, RE)**
- **Jeremy Decerle (FR, RE)**
- **Martin Hlaváček (CZ, RE)**
- **Ivan David (CZ, ID)**
- **Mazaly Aguilar (ES, ECR)**
- **Francisco Guerreiro (PT, Greens/ EFA)**

RETURNING

- **Mairead McGuinness (IE, EPP)**
- **Jaroslav Kalinowski (PL, EPP)**
- **Herbert Dorfmann (IT, EPP)**
- **Daniel Buda (RO, EPP)**
- **Norbert Lins (DE, EPP)**
- **Paolo De Castro (IT, S&D)**
- **Eric Andrieu (FR, S&D)**
- **Ulrike Muller (DE, RE)**
- **Elsi Katainen (FI, RE)**
- **Angelo Ciocca (IT, ID)**
- **Martin Häusling (DE, Greens/EFA)**
- **Luke Ming Flanagan (IE, GUE / NGL)**

CULTURE & EDUCATION (CULT)

ANALYSIS

CULT counts 31 members – as in 2014-2019 – with the allocation of seats among groups quite balanced. EPP will have 8 members, S&D 6 (-2) while the far-right Identity and Democracy picked up 2 seats compared to the ENF and will have 3 members, the same number as Renew Europe, Greens/EFA and ECR. GUE/NGL and NI will have 2 seats each. The **ratio of returning (14) to new (17) members** is quite balanced, especially compared to other committees.

In a change to the previous mandate, the EPP got the chairmanship, with **Sabine Verheyen** (DE), former EPP coordinator, taking over from compatriot and co-rapporteur on the Audiovisual Media Services (AVMS) Directive review S&D's **Petra Kammerevert**. Three of the four Vice-Chairs have been elected: **Dace Melbarde** (LV, ECR), **Romeo Franz** (DE, Greens/EFA) and **Julie Ward** (UK, S&D), with the last to be selected in September. The EPP is set to take the post, but is worried its candidate **Andrea Bocskor** (HU), a member of Viktor Orbán's populist Fidesz party, may not be accepted by other mainstream parties due to the *cordon sanitaire*. The EPP therefore requested the vote be postponed.

CULT usually address issues related to the cultural, creative and sport industries. The review of the AVMS Directive was certainly the most business-sensitive report prepared by CULT under the last term. However, its role should not be underestimated as it could be in charge of drafting opinions on new potential files related to the platform economy, for example.

COORDINATORS

- **EPP: Coordinator: Michaela Sojdrova (CZ).** Vice-Coordinator: **Tomasz Frankowski (PL)**
- **S&D: Petra Kammerevert (DE)**
- **RE: Laurence Farreng (FR); Deputy: Shaffaq Mohammed (UK)**
- **GREENS/EFA: Salima Yenbou (FR)**
- **ECR: Dace Melbarde (LV); Deputy: Elżbieta Kruk (PL)**
- **GUE/NGL and ID: TBD**

LEADERSHIP

- **Chair: Sabine Verheyen (DE, EPP)**
- **First Vice-Chair: Romeo Franz (DE, Greens/EFA)**
- **Second Vice-Chair: Dace Melbarde (LV, ECR)**
- **Third Vice-Chair: Julie Ward (UK, S&D)**
- **Fourth Vice-Chair: TBC**

KEY NEWCOMERS

- **Tomasz Frankowski (PL, EPP)**
- **Hannes Heide (AT, S&D)**
- **Irena Joveva (SI, RE)**
- **Bernard Guetta (FR, RE)**
- **Laurence Farreng (FR, RE)**
- **Marcel Kolaja (CZ, Greens/EFA)**
- **Salima Yenbou (FR, Greens, EFA)**
- **Dace Melbarde (LV, ECR)**
- **Elżbieta Kruk (PL, ECR)**
- **Niyazi Kızılyürek (CY, GUE/NGL)**

RETURNING

- **Sabine Verheyen (DE, EPP)**
- **Milan Zver (SI, EPP)**
- **Theodoros Zagorakis (GR, EPP)**
- **Andrea Bocskor (HU, EPP)**
- **Michaela Sojdrova (CZ, EPP)**
- **Petra Kammerevert (DE, S&D)**
- **Julie Ward (UK, S&D)**
- **Romeo Franz (DE, Greens/EFA)**
- **Isabella Adinolfi (IT, NI)**

LEGAL AFFAIRS (JURI)

ANALYSIS

As during the previous term, JURI will be composed of 25 members. **Most members (16) are new MEPs, with a fully new Liberal delegation which doubled its seats (from 2 to 4).** EPP will have 6 members, S&D 5, RE 4, GUE/NGL 1, with all other Groups having 2 seats each, and 3 “non-inscrits”.

The far-right Identity & Democracy (ID) group proposed **Gilles Lebreton**, a French MEP who was active on copyright, as a candidate for Chair. However, pro-EU political groups in the new Parliament blocked the ID candidate (*cordon sanitaire*) and instead elected **Lucy Nethsingha** (UK, RE) the Chair. Vice-Chair positions were divided between the Greens/EFA, EPP, S&D and ECR.

JURI is slated to become lead committee in the review of the geo-blocking regulation, and could be involved in the potential revision of the E-commerce Directive. It will also work on the potential review of the IP incentives framework in the pharma sector. **JURI also plays an important role in appointing the next College of Commissioners**, as they evaluate their declarations of interest.

COORDINATORS

- **EPP: Axel Voss (DE).** Vice-Cordinator: **Geoffroy Didier (FR)**
- **S&D: Tiemo Wölken (DE)**
- **RE: Karen Melchior (DK)**
- **GREENS/EFA: Marie Toussaint (FR); Deputy: Patrick Breyer (DE)**
- **ECR: Angel Dzhambazki (BG)**
- **GUE/ NGL and ID: TBD**

LEADERSHIP

- **Chair: Lucy Nethsingha (UK, RE)**
- **First Vice-Chair: Sergey Lagodinsky (DE, Greens/ EFA)**
- **Second Vice-Chair: Marion Walsmann (DE, EPP)**
- **Third Vice-Chair: Iban Garcia Del Blanco (ES, S&D)**
- **Fourth Vice-Chair: Raffaele Stancanelli (IT, ECR)**

KEY NEWCOMERS

- **Marion Walsmann (DE, EPP)**
- **Iban Garcia del Blanco (ES, S&D)**
- **Stéphane Séjourné (FR, RE)**
- **Karen Melchior (DK, RE)**
- **Lucy Nethsingha (UK, RE)**
- **Patrick Breyer (DE, Greens/EFA) - sub**
- **Sergey Lagodinsky (DE, Greens/EFA)**
- **Marie Toussaint (Fr, Greens/EFA)**
- **Raffaele Stancanelli (IT, ECR)**
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RETURNING

- **Axel Voss (DE, EPP)**
- **Esteban Gonzales Pons (ES, EPP)**
- **Geoffroy Didier (FR, EPP)**
- **Angelika Niebler (DE, EPP) - sub**
- **Tiemo Wölken (DE, S&D)**
- **Kati Piri (NL, S&D)**
- **Angel Dzhambazki (BG, ECR)**
- **Gilles Lebreton (FR, ID)**

CIVIL LIBERTIES, JUSTICE & HOME AFFAIRS (LIBE)

ANALYSIS

LIBE is composed of 68 members, making it the **fourth largest EP committee** after ENVI, ITRE and AFET. EPP will have 16 members, S&D 14, RE 10, Greens/EFA 7, ID and ECR 6 each, GUE/NGL 4, with 5 non-inscrits.

The Committee Chair is S&D's **Juan Fernando Lopez Aguilar** (Spain), former Minister of Justice under Prime Minister Zapatero. The committee's Bureau is still incomplete, as only three Vice-Chairs were elected: **Maite Pagazaurtundúa** (ES, RE), **Pietro Bartolo** (IT, S&D), and **Emil Radev** (BG, EPP). The *cordon sanitaire* around the Euroskeptics was enforced here as well, depriving the ID group of a Vice-Chairmanship (**Jean-Paul Garraud** (FR)). However, the EPP, having initially nominated Hungarian MEP **Balázs Hidvéghi** – a member of the populist Fidesz party – asked for a suspension of the vote, due to fears the nomination would be blocked. The Greens/EFA had caused this concern by naming **Damien Carême** (FR) as a competing option.

Key policies to be addressed once legislative activity resumes in September include: the ePrivacy Regulation, a number of files linked to migration (EU Agency for Asylum proposal, amendments to Smart Borders package), as well as work on anti-terrorism files (legislation on explosive precursors).

COORDINATORS

- **EPP:** Roberta Metsola (MT), Vice-Coordinator
Jeroen Lenaers (NL)
- **S&D:** Birgit Sippel (DE)
- **RE :** Sophie In 't Veld (NL)
- **GREENS/EFA:** Terry Reintke (DE) and Tineke Strik (NL)
- **ECR:** Nicola Procaccini (IT); Deputy: Patryk Jaki (PL)
- **GUE/ NGL and ID:** TBD

LEADERSHIP

- **Chair:** Juan Fernando Lopez Aguilar (ES, S&D)
- **First Vice-Chair:** Maite Pagazaurtundúa (ES, RE)
- **Second Vice-Chair:** Pietro Bartolo (IT, S&D)
- **Third Vice-Chair:** Emil Radev (BG, EPP)
- **Fourth Vice-Chair:** TBD

KEY NEWCOMERS

- Karoline Edtstadler (AT, EPP)
- Kris Peeters (BE, EPP)
- Karlo Ressler (HR, EPP)
- Tomas Tobé (SE, EPP)
- Balázs Hidvéghi (HU, EPP)
- Katarina Barley (DE, S&D)
- Pietro Bartolo (IT, S&D)
- Marina Kaljurand (EE, S&D)
- Malik Azmani (NL, RE)
- Assita Kanko (BE, ECR)
- Alexandr Vondra (CZ, ECR) – sub
- Nicola Procaccini (IT, ECR)
- Tineke Strik (NL, Greens/EFA)
- Patryk Jaki (PL, ECR)

RETURNING

- Jeroen Lenaers (NL, EPP)
- Roberta Metsola (MT, EPP)
- Emil Radev (BG, EPP)
- Livia Járóka (HU, EPP)
- Birgit Sippel (DE, S&D)
- Sylvie Guillaume (FR, S&D)
- Claude Moraes (UK, S&D)
- Juan Fernando Lopez Aguilar (ES, S&D)
- Sophia In 't Veld (NL, RE)
- Maite Pagazaurtundúa (ES, RE)
- Terry Reintke (DE, Greens/EFA)
- Jadwiga Wisniewska (PL, ECR)
- Jean-Paul Garraud (AT, ID)

Of the 751 total MEPs (705 after Brexit), 61% are new. The sampling of the new faces profiled below represent MEPs likely to play a role of importance the next 5 years. MEPs are organised by political group (order of importance in the Chamber) and then alphabetically.



Bartosz Arłukowicz

(Poland, Platforma Obywatelska, EPP) – Member of ENVI, Substitute in LIBE

Bartosz Arłukowicz is a Polish politician and paediatrician. He was a member of the Polish Parliament from 2006-2010. He served as Minister of Health from 2011- 2015 under Donald Tusk and then Ewa Kopacz (also an incoming MEP for the 2019 – 2024 mandate). In 2011 he spent several months as Secretary of State in the Chancellery of the Prime Minister.



Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou

(Greece, New Democracy, EPP) – Member of INTA and PETI, Substitute in IMCO

An economist and lawyer, she was first elected to the Hellenic Parliament (representing Athens) in 2012. A member of the New Democracy party, she translated her expertise on financial law to become ND's Head of Financial Policy and the party's Head of Sector for Digital Policy, Telecommunications and Information. She was selected by the EPP as Vice-

Coordinator in the INTA Committee.



François-Xavier Bellamy

(France, Les Républicains, EPP) – Member of ITRE and PECH, Substitute in CULT

François-Xavier Bellamy is a French philosopher, high-school teacher and politician. Bellamy is a published author who has served as the Deputy Mayor for Employment, Youth and Higher Education. In 2006, during his studies he served the office of the Minister of Culture and Communication. He also joined the Minister of Justice during a gap year in 2008.



Tom Berendsen

(Netherlands, Christen Democratisch Appèl, EPP) – Member of ITRE and REGI, Substitute in TRAN

Berendsen has secured membership in some key EP committees. A former assistant at the European Parliament, he is well networked and understands the legislative process. Before becoming an MEP, he worked at PwC in their sustainability and responsible governance practice, and also worked as a parliamentary assistant in the EP.



Maria Da Graça Carvalho

(Portugal, Partido Social Democrata, EPP) – Member of ITRE, Substitute in ITRE

Maria Da Grace Carvalho is an academic, engineer and politician. She was member of Portugal's government from 2003 to 2005, first as Minister of Science and Higher Education and later as the Minister of Science, Innovation and Higher Education. From 2006 to 2009 she was an adviser to Barroso in his capacity as President of the European Commission.

From 2014 to 2015, she served as adviser to the European Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science and later moved to the Commission's Directorate-General for Research and Innovation.

**Pablo Arias Echevarría**

(Spain, Partido Popular, EPP) – Member of IMCO, Substitute in TRAN

Pablo Arias was MEP from 2009 to 2014, when he was a Member of IMCO and served as Rapporteur for the files on growth of e-commerce, completing the Digital Single Market and completing the internal market for e-commerce. Other roles as MEP included Coordinator of the IMCO Working Group on Digital Single Market and Substitute Member for ENVI and PETI.

Prior to that, he was Senior Adviser and Head of Office of the former Spanish Prime Minister José María Aznar.

**Karoline Edtstadler**

(Austria, Österreichische Volkspartei, EPP) – Member of LIBE, Substitute in JURI

A judge, former Austrian MP and State Secretary of the Interior, Edtstadler left her position in the government of Sebastian Kurz to become an Austrian MEP. She studied law at the University of Salzburg, training to become a judge and becoming a member of Salzburg regional court in 2008. She is likely to play an important role on justice and home affairs in

the LIBE committee.

**Tomasz Frankowski**

(Poland, Platforma Obywatelska, EPP) – Member of CULT, Substitute in TRAN

A retired footballer, Frankowski was a goal-scoring legend in the Polish National Team and played for clubs in France, Japan, Spain, England, and USA. He is a member of Civic Platform, which has a track record of putting forward sport stars such as the former coach of the national handball side Bogdan Wenta or the rally driver Krzysztof Hołowczyc. Frankowski

will be vice-coordinator for his group in the CULT committee and potentially a member of the next Sports Intergroup.

**José Manuel García-Margallo**

(Spain, Partido Popular, EPP) – Member of ECON, Substitute in INTA

García-Margallo entered politics in 1976, only a year after the end of the Franco era. He was elected as deputy in 1977 and has been in politics ever since. In 1994, he was elected to the EP, keeping his seat until 2011, when he returned to Madrid to become the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation under Mariano Rajoy's government for six years. During his

time as MEP, he was Vice-Chair of the ECON committee. It can be expected that he will be influential again. He holds a master's degree in Law from Harvard University.

**Balázs Hidvéghi**

(Hungary, Fidesz, EPP) – Member of LIBE, Substitute in AGRI and PECH

Hidvéghi is a former Hungarian Deputy (2013-14) and was Deputy State Secretary for International Affairs and External Economic Relations at the Ministry for National Economy from 2010 to 2012. Since 2016, he is the communications chief of the Fidesz party. Prior to his career as a politician, Hidvéghi was a high school teacher and a programme director at

CIVITAS, a Hungarian NGO focusing on democracy and civic participation. He holds a master's degree in European Studies from the University of Strasbourg.

**Ewa Kopacz**

(Poland, Platforma Obywatelska, EPP) – Vice President of the European Parliament, Member of ENVI, Substitute in DEVE and FEMM

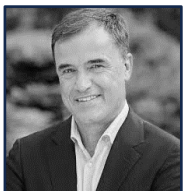
Kopacz was Prime Minister of Poland (2014-15), having previously served as Minister of Health for 4 years and speaker of the lower house of the Polish Parliament. As a senior figure in her party, she will play a leading role in the Polish delegation and the EPP in general, as

a Vice-Chair of the group. Kopacz will likely focus on health and environment issues, as well as the rule of law and human rights.

**Andrius Kubilius**

(Lithuania, Tėvynės sąjunga-Lietuvos krikščionys demokratai, EPP) – Member of ITRE, Substitute of AFET

Andrius Kubilius is a Lithuanian politician who was Prime Minister from 1999 to 2000, and again between 2008 to 2012. He was the leader of the conservative party Homeland Union – Lithuanian Christian Democrats and has been a member of the Lithuanian Parliament up to date. Kubilius studied Physics and pursued a PhD on the same subject, making him a rare example of an MEP with a strong grasp of the intricacies and technicalities of industrial processes.

**Benoit Lutgen**

(Belgium, Centre Démocrate Humaniste, EPP) - Member of TRAN, Substitute in AGRI

Benoit Lutgen is an experienced local politician, having started his career as representative in 2004 as a regional deputy in French-speaking Wallonia. Subsequently he was nominated as Minister for Agriculture, Rural affairs and Environment for five years (2004-09) and then Minister for Public Works, Rural affairs and Agriculture (2009-11). From 2011 to 2019, he was the leader of the centre right party Centre Démocrate Humaniste and mayor of Bastogne. Prior to his political career, he studied languages in the UK and worked for Unilever.

**Dolors Montserrat**

(Spain, Partido Popular, EPP) – Member of ENVI and PETI

Dolors Montserrat is the former Spanish Minister of Public Health and Equality between 2016 and 2018. Prior to that, she was a member of the Spanish national parliament between 2008 and 2016. Montserrat is also a practicing lawyer in her own law firm opened in 1997, where she specialises in urban issues, real estate and environmental law. Another of her areas of expertise is the EU's Common Agricultural Policy.

**Kris Peeters**

(Belgium, Christen-Democratisch en Vlaams, EPP) – Member of IMCO, Substitute in LIBE and AFET

Peeters is former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy of Belgium from 2014 to 2018. Peeters also served as Minister-President of Flanders from 2007 until 2014. Prior to that, he led the NCMV (Belgian SME business association) for 10 years. Peeters is one of the most popular political figures in Flanders and a influential political figure within EPP political family. He kick-started, together with Manfred Weber, the EPP's 2019 campaign.

**Lidia Pereira**

(Portugal, Partido Social Democrata, EPP) – Member of ECON, Substitute in ENVI

Pereira is a newly elected MEP who became President of the Youth EPP in 2018. Prior to that, she undertook a career in Risk Advisory consultancy for three years in Luxemburg and Brussels. Pereira will be Vice-Coordinator of EPP in the ECON committee and will play a crucial role in the organisation and leadership of that committee. She holds a Masters in European Economic Studies from the College of Europe.

**Jessica Polfjärd**

(Sweden, Moderaterna, EPP) – Member of ENVI, Substitute in ECON

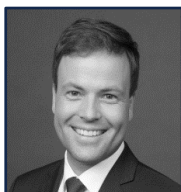
Jessica Polfjärd was a member of the Swedish Parliament since 2006, where she served as Chair of the Employment Committee from 2013 to 2014. During her time as MP, she also served as a member of the Industry and Trade Committee, and became the group leader of the Swedish Moderate Party between 2015 and 2017. Polfjärd was also a member of the Swedish delegation to the Nordic Council from 2006 to 2012 and from 2018 to 2019.

**Karlo Ressler**

(Croatia, Hrvatska demokratska zajednica - HDZ, EPP) – Member of BUDG, Substitute in LIBE

A lawyer and former advisor for Legal and Political Affairs to Croatian Prime Minister Andrej Plenkovic, Karlo Ressler led the list of the EPP's affiliate party HDZ. He is currently Vice-President of the EPP's Young Wing. He is considered a rising star in Croatia's HDZ and

maintains close ties to the Croatian Prime Minister.

**Sven Simon**

(Germany, Christlich Demokratische Union, EPP) – Member of INTA, Substitute in ECON and AFCD

Simon's academic background saw him teach international and European law at the University of Marburg before being elected to the European Parliament. He was leading the CDU list for the federal state of Hessen for the European elections. His focus lies on the

defence of open, rules-based trade, as "a cosmopolitan trade policy (...) creates peace". He is also a strong supporter of an industrial policy for the digital age.

**Barbara Thaler**

(Austria, Österreichische Volkspartei, EPP) – Member of TRAN, Substitute in IMCO

Barbara Thaler was the OVP's lead candidate for Tyrol at the 2019 European elections. She is an IT entrepreneur and Vice-President of the Tyrolean Economic Chamber. Prior to that, she was an employee of an internet agency and an eTourism organisation.

**Tomas Tobé**

(Sweden, Moderate, EPP) – Member of DEVE and LIBE, Substitute in ITRE

He is former Secretary General of the Moderate party and the head of their EU elections list. As a member of the Swedish parliament, he closely followed issues related to entrepreneurship, labour market and internal market and served as party spokesperson for business policy. As the future head of the Swedish delegation, Tobé will play a significant

role in the EPP's traditionally business-friendly Nordic block. Aside from his roles in LIBE and ITRE, he is set to chair the Development committee.

**Marion Walsmann**

(Germany, Christlich Demokratische Union, EPP) – Member of IMCO and JURI

Before coming to Brussels, Walsmann held different ministerial positions in the German state of Thuringia: Minister of Justice from May 2008 to November 2009, Minister of Finance from November 2009 to December 2010, and Minister for Federal and European Affairs from December 2010 to September 2013, as well as head of the State Chancellery. During her

campaign for the European Parliament, she defended investment in key technological areas of the future, such as Artificial Intelligence (AI).

**Michal Wiezik**

(Slovakia, Independent, EPP) – Member of ENVI, Substitute in AGRI

Michal Wiezik is a Slovak scientist, teacher and activist focusing on the natural environment. He worked at the Department of Applied Ecology at the Faculty of Ecology and Environmental Sciences of the Technical University in Zvolen. He holds a PhD focused on ecological stability of the forest and has carried out several research projects focused on environmental impact

assessment.

**Juan Ignacio Zoido**

(Spain, Partido Popular, EPP) – Member of AGRI

Zoido was the Spanish Minister of the Interior between November 2016 and June 2018. He previously served as Mayor of Seville from 2011 to 2015, Member of the Parliament of Andalusia from 2008 to 2014 and member of the Senate. He is one of the most senior members of the Partido Popular.



Pietro Bartolo

(Italy, Partito Democratico, S&D) – Vice-Chair in LIBE

Pietro Bartolo is a surgeon, specialised in gynecology, who then became a politician. He is renowned for being in charge of the first medical visits given to immigrants who land in Lampedusa, since 1992. He was the city councilor in Lampedusa and Linosa from 1988 until 2007. In 2011, he was appointed coordinator of all health activities in the Pelagie

Islands. In 2016, he was named Commander of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic, the highest order of the Italian Republic.



Katarina Barley

(Germany, Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands, S&D) – Vice-President of the European Parliament, Member of LIBE, Substitute in AFET

Barley was Federal Minister for Justice before being elected as MEP. Prior to that, she was Minister of Family Affairs, Women and Youth and Minister of Labour and Social Affairs. She led the German SPD party in these elections and will play a crucial role in the S&D Group. It

is likely she will become one of the digital champions, interested in the platform economy. She is a member of the Europa-Union Deutschland, a nonpartisan NGO, advocating a Federal Europe, making Barley one of the likely leaders of the progressive federalist alliance in the Parliament where she will serve as a Vice-President.



Marek Belka

(Poland, Independent, S&D) – Member of ECON

Marek Belka is a well-respected economist, who served as Director of the IMF's European Department from 2008 to 2010 and head of the National Bank of Poland from 2010 to 2016.

On the political side, he has been Minister of Finance for two years, deputy Prime Minister and Prime Minister of Poland from 2004 to 2005. He holds a PhD from the university of Łódź and has been a researcher in Columbia University and the London School of Economics.



Delara Burkhardt

(Germany, Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands, S&D) – Member of ENVI

Burkhardt holds degrees in political science and social economics. She joined the SPD at the age of 15 and since 2015 she is deputy federal chairman of the SPD youth. In this regard, she coordinated a number of international projects in the Middle East, the Balkans and North

Africa, promoting sustainable development. During her recent political campaign, she promoted migration and peace policy as well as the commitment to support the Baltic region.



Carlo Calenda

(Italy, Partito Democratico, S&D) – Member of ITRE, Substitute in ENVI

Carlo Calenda is a former Minister for Economic Development in Matteo Renzi's and Paolo Gentiloni's governments. Prior to that, he briefly served as Italy's Permanent Representative to the European Union. He is a vocal opponent of the Italian Deputy Prime Minister Matteo Salvini and very active on human rights issues. His experience in the European Council

should make him a key MEP in future trilogues.



Sara Cerdas

(Portugal, Partido Socialista, S&D) – Member of ENVI, Substitute in TRAN

Sara Cerdas is new to politics and at the age of 29, she belongs to the wave of young MEPs in S&D. She is a medical doctor and before becoming a politician, she gathered 6 years of experience in different health organisations in the areas of Public Health and Family Health.

**Corina Cretu**

(Romania, Pro Romania, S&D) – Member of CONT and REGI, Substitute in AGRI

Cretu is the former Commissioner for Regional Policy in the Juncker Commission. She was an MEP from 2007 to 2014, and served as a Vice-Chair of the Committee for Development and member of the special committee on the Financial, Economic and Social Crisis. She briefly served as a Vice-President of the European Parliament before being nominated

Commissioner in 2014. She left the governing PSD party in Romania earlier this year to join the Pro Romania party of the former PM Victor Ponta.

**Johan Danielsson**

(Sweden, Arbetarepartiet – Socialdemokraterna, S&D) – Vice-Chair of TRAN, Substitute in EMPL.

Johan Danielsson holds a degree in political science from the Linköping University. He worked with EU issues in Brussels and then as EU coordinator at the Swedish Trade Union

Confederation in Stockholm. It is his second attempt to enter the European Parliament, as he was also a candidate for the Social Democrats in 2014 .

**Lina Gálvez**

(Spain, PSOE, S&D) – Vice-Chair in ITRE, Substitute in EMPL & FEMM.

Lina Gálvez is a historian specialised in social and economic affairs. She joined the Andalusian government as an independent in June 2018, where she assumed the research and universities portfolio. She obtained her PhD in the European University Institute in

Florence, where she conducted research on gender, family and market.

**Iban Garcia del Blanco**

(Spain, Partido Socialista Obrero Español, S&D) - Member of JURI, Substitute in CULT

Garcia del Blanco is President of Acción Cultural Española, an organisation dedicated to promoting the culture and heritage of Spain. Before that, he was councillor in the City of León, provincial deputy and senator. He was also part of the executive of the PSOE that emerged

from the triumph of Pedro Sanchez in the primary elections held in 2014 and assumed diverse functions within the party, including Secretary of Culture.

**Hannes Heide**

(Austria, Sozialdemokratische Partei Österreichs, S&D) - Member of CULT, Substitute in CONT and REGI

Heide worked as a PR consultant and a tour manager of a popular Austrian musician before becoming a managing director of a cultural platform in his hometown. He continued to follow

cultural issues as a city counsellor and used the prominence in this field to become the mayor. He was the SPÖ's lead candidate in Upper Austria.

**Eero Heinäluoma**

(Finland, Suomen sosialidemokraattinen puolue, S&D) – Member of ECON, Substitute in BUDG

Heinäluoma started his career as an activist and then director of the Finnish Trade Unions. He entered the Finnish parliament in 2003 and became leader of the SDP in 2005. At the

same time, he served as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance until 2007. In this role, abolished the wealth tax. After the SDP lost the election in 2007, he returned to the backbenches.

**Marina Kaljurand**

(Estonia, Sotsiaaldemokraatlik Erakond, S&D) – Member of LIBE, Substitute in ITRE and FEMM

Former Estonian Foreign Affairs Minister in the government of Taavi Roivas and former Estonian Ambassador to Russia. She is a cybersecurity expert and former chair of the Global

Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace, and may have a leading role on cybersecurity legislation in the next mandate.



Maria Manuel Leitaó Marques

(Portugal, Partido Socialista, S&D) – Member of IMCO, Substitute in ITRE and FEMM

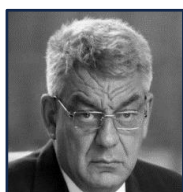
In Portugal, she served as Minister for Administrative Modernisation since November 2015. Prior to that, she was State Secretary for the same portfolio. She is projected to be a leader in the Portuguese delegation and more importantly in the S&D group – there are rumours however that she may end up as Portugal's Commissioner. She is an economics professor and has expressed interest in modernising the legislative framework on internal markets and technology. Moreover, she has been keen to work on structural funds and improving funding for research.



Rovana Plumb

(Romania, Partidul Social Democrat, S&D) – Member of ENVI, Substitute in ECON, EMPL, REGI, FEMM

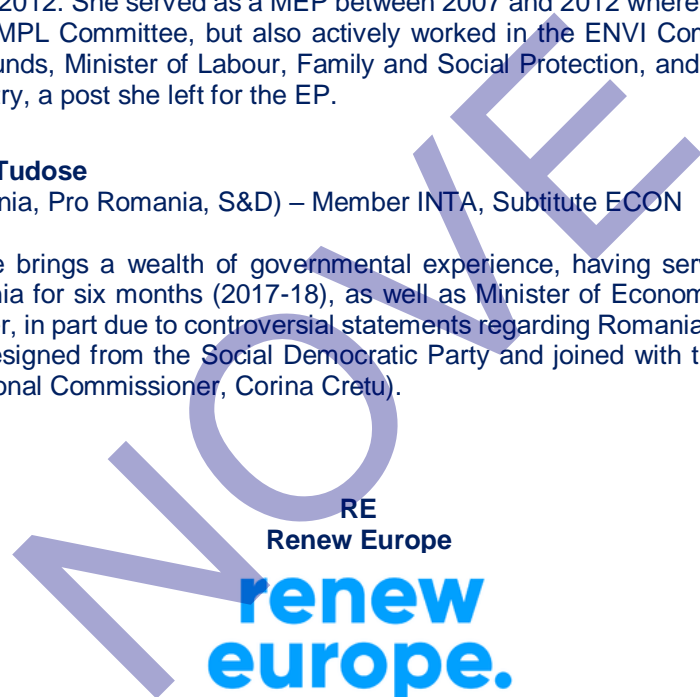
Rovana Plumb is a Romanian politician and member of the Romanian Chamber of Deputies since 2012. She served as a MEP between 2007 and 2012 where she was most involved in the EMPL Committee, but also actively worked in the ENVI Committee. Plumb has been Minister of European Funds, Minister of Labour, Family and Social Protection, and most recently Minister of Environment and Forestry, a post she left for the EP.



Mihai Tudose

(Romania, Pro Romania, S&D) – Member INTA, Substitute ECON

Tudose brings a wealth of governmental experience, having served as Prime Minister of Romania for six months (2017-18), as well as Minister of Economy. He resigned as Prime Minister, in part due to controversial statements regarding Romania's Hungarian minority. He later resigned from the Social Democratic Party and joined with the PRO Romania faction (along with former Regional Commissioner, Corina Cretu).



Andrus Ansip

(Estonia, Eesti Reformierakond, RE) – Member of IMCO, Substitute in ITRE

Ansip is former Vice President of the European Commission for the Digital Single Market and the former Prime Minister of Estonia, bringing years of executive experience from the Commission and the Council to the Parliament. He opposes the reopening of the e-commerce Directive. He is also not a strong supporter of EC's text on terrorist content which would oblige platforms to remove terrorist content within one hour.



Malik Azmani

(Netherlands, Volkspartij voor Vrijheid en Democratie, RE) – Member of LIBE, Substitute in AFET

Azmani is a former lawyer, civil servant and Dutch MP from 2010 to 2019. After studying law, he became a civil servant at the Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND) before being elected to the Dutch Parliament as a member of Mark Rutte's VVD. His political work focuses on migration and asylum, human trafficking and judicial oversight over the intelligence services. Following his election as MEP, as the list-leader of the VVD, he was selected as Vice-Chair for the Renew Europe group.

**José Ramon Bauzá Diaz**

(Spain, Ciudadanos – Partido de la Ciudadanía, RE)

Bauza Diaz is a Spanish politician and pharmacist, who served as president of the Balearic Islands from 2011 to 2015. Bauzá Diaz was also the president of the Popular Party of the Balearic Islands from 2009 -2015, during which he obtained the best electoral results in the democratic history of the Balearic Islands. He holds a degree in pharmacy from the

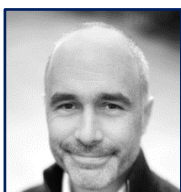
Complutense University of Madrid.

**Nicola Beer**

(Germany, Freie Demokratische Partei, RE) – Vice-President of the European Parliament, Member of ITRE, Substitute in ECON

Beer has spent 20 years in politics, first in the Hesse state parliament (and by extension, the European Committee of the Regions), and in the German Bundestag since September 2017.

She is an influential figure in the FDP, serving as Secretary General from 2013 until the 2019 EU elections, and was the party's Spitzenkandidat. She is active on the topics of migration and defence, but also on the need to boost EU research and education.

**Gilles Boyer**

(France, Renaissance, RE) – Quaestor, Member of ECON, Substitute in CONT and AFCD

Boyer is an experienced political advisor having been chief of staff and campaign director for former French Presidential hopeful Alain Juppé, and treasurer for Francois Fillon's presidential campaign in 2017. He is also a close political ally of the current French Prime Minister, Edouard Philippe, having been his political advisor since 2017 and written two books

together. He was elected on the Renaissance list but has still not joined the Presidential party, En Marche.

**Pascal Canfin**

(France, Renaissance, RE) – Member of ENVI, Substitute in ECON

Canfin served as a Member of the European Parliament between 2009 and 2012, sitting in the Greens/EFA Group. He moved back to Paris after being nominated Development Minister in the government of the Socialist President François Hollande, where he served until 2014.

Canfin was the director of WWF France from 2016 to 2019 before being elected to the European Parliament on the Renaissance list. He was originally a journalist, writing in a left wing newspaper. As the Chair of the ENVI committee, he is likely to act effectively as a Green.

**Dacian Ciolos**

(Romania, Partidul Libertății, Unității și Solidarității, RE) –Member of AGRI

Ciolos has a long political career and a strong interest in agricultural issues, having served as European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development between 2010 and 2014 and as Minister of Agriculture for Romania between 2007 and 2008. As Commissioner, he set out to reform the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) to ensure food security, make it more

sustainable and ensure fair wages for farmers. He served as Prime Minister of Romania between 2015 and 2017. Following the 2019 elections, he was elected President of the Renew Europe group. He holds a PhD degree in agronomy.

**Katalin Cseh**

(Hungary, Momentum, RE) –Member of ITRE, Substitute in CONT and REGI

Katalin Cseh is a gynaecologist by profession who entered politics in 2015 as the founder of the Momentum Movement, where she served as Head of International Affairs and Chair of the Health Working Group. She later became the Momentum party leader in the 2019 European Elections and part of ALDE's "Team Europe". She was elected Renew Europe's

Vice-President.

**J  r  my Decerle**

(France, Renaissance, RE) – Member of AGRI, Substitute in INTA

Decerle began his career in 2008 as a cattle farmer on the family farm. He joined the Young Farmers Union, becoming president in 2016. He positions himself as environmentally-friendly but has been attacked by fellow French MEP, Yannick Jadot (Greens/EFA), for his support of Glyphosate and Monsanto.

**Laurence Farreng**

(France, Renaissance, RE) – Member of CULT. Substitute in REGI

Farreng served as deputy mayor of Pau, and head of the city agency responsible for communications and PR. With two decades of experience in advertising industry, she will be one of the MEPs with deepest understanding of the commercial aspects of CULT's work.

She was a close confidant of the former MoDem leader Fran  ois Bayrou, the original French centrist.

**Luis Garicano**

(Spain, Ciudadanos, RE) – Member of ECON, Substitute in BUDG

He is the chief economist of the Ciudadanos party in Spain. He serves as a Vice-President of ALDE party and was one of the seven ALDE candidates for senior EU positions, known as "Team Europe". As an economist, he has been a professor at the LSE and the University of Chicago, concentrated on technological innovation, inequality and banking systems. He

led the Ciudadanos list and with the party's growing strength, Garicano as the Renew Europe's Vice-President will play a major role in the Group and in the Parliament on the Economic and Monetary Union, and single market issues.

**Andreas Gl  ck**

(Germany, Freie Demokratische Partei, RE) – Member of ENVI

Gl  ck spent the last 8 years as a member of the state parliament of Baden-W  rttemberg. In that capacity, he served as the FDP spokesperson on environmental and energy policy, integration, economic cooperation and development, and was regional Spitzenkandidat in the election. In the run-up to the election, he listed energy (focus on carbon pricing and clean

transport), mobility (infrastructure, competitiveness, and digitalisation) and the completion of the Single Market and promotion of multilateral free trade as priorities.

**Christophe GRUDLER**

(France, Renaissance, RE) – Member ITRE

After studying history, Christophe Grudler, began his career in journalism and publishing. He created his press publishing company in 2014. Prior to his election, he was a departmental advisor for the Territoire de Belfort and closely followed European issues related to industrial strategy, transport and freedom of the press.

**Bernard Guetta**

(France, Renaissance, RE) – Member of AFET and DROI, Substitute in CULT

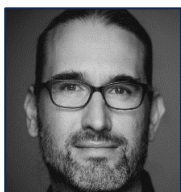
Formerly France's most-listened-to commentator, as a geopolitical journalist with public radio France Inter for 27 years. Guetta is the recipient of six journalism awards, among them the Prix Albert Londres and the European Press Prize. He started his career at *Le Monde* and operated as a correspondent reporting on Central and Eastern Europe.

**Martin Hlav   ek**

(Czechia, ANO 2011, RE) – Member in AGRI, Substitute in ECON & PECH

Former Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Martin Hlav   ek has a long-term experience in the field of diplomacy. He worked for several years in the Czech embassy in Athens, and then moved to the Czech PermRep in Brussels where he dealt with the agriculture and

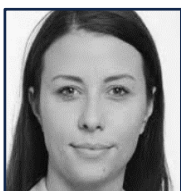
environment portfolios. He participated in the negotiation of the CAP. He also served as Philip Morris' director of external relations.



Martin Hojsik

(Slovakia, Progresívne Slovensko, RE) – Member of ENVI and BUDG, Substitute in ITRE

Hojsik has extensive experience leading diverse environmental, social or animal welfare NGOs. He was formerly Program Officer at animal welfare charity Four Paws Austria. In the past, he has worked on global corporate and public policy campaigns for Action Aid and Greenpeace. He studied biology and considers himself an environmental and social activist.



Irena Joveva

(Slovenia, Lista Marjana Šarca, RE) – Member of CULT, Substitute in ENVI

Joveva is known in Slovenia for covering home affairs on TV channel “POP TV”. The youngest Slovenian MEP, she was elected as the frontrunner of the ruling party to promote social issues and the youth in the European Parliament.



Pierre Karleskind

(France, Renaissance, RE) – Vice-Chair IMCO, Member PECH, Substitute TRAN

Oceanographer by training, Pierre Karleskind was a municipal councilor of Brest and vice-president of the Regional Council of Brittany responsible for European affairs. He was involved in public services, digital and the sea issues. He became adviser on maritime and coastal affairs for the French President of the National Assembly, Richard Ferrand. He holds an engineering degree from l'Ecole Polytechnique.



Karin Karlsbro

(Sweden, Liberalerna, RE) – Member of INTA, Substitute in ENVI

Karin Karsbro has held several political offices in Stockholm, most recently serving as the group leader in one of the largest municipalities of northern Sweden, between 2014 and 2018. In 2012, she became the chairwoman of the Green Liberals pressure group. She worked as a consultant in her own company and as a sustainability expert for the PR firm Grayling. She holds a law degree from the Stockholm University and had attended the London School of Economics.



Billy Kelleher

(Ireland, Fianna Fáil, RE) – Member of ECON, Substitute in ENVI

Kelleher was a member of the Irish Parliament from 1997 to 2019. During that time, he served as Minister twice: as Minister of State for Labour Affairs from 2007 to 2009, and then as Minister of State for Trade and Commerce from 2009 to 2011. Prior to this, Kelleher was a farmer and was a member of the Irish Farmers' Association. He studied Agriculture at the Pallaskenry college.



Fabienne Keller

(France, Agir, RE) – Member of LIBE, Substitute in BUDG

Keller is an engineer by training, long-time French Senator (2005-2019) and former mayor of Strasbourg (2001-2008). She holds degrees from l'Ecole Polytechnique and University of California, Berkeley, and worked as a civil servant in the French Finance Ministry, specialising in financial support for rural and fishing communities. Politically active in the Strasbourg region since the early 1990s, she was elected Mayor of Strasbourg in 2001 and has remained a senior member of the MoDem party (now “Agir”), allied to President Macron's La République En Marche (LREM).

**Karen Melchior**

(Denmark, Radikale Venstre, RE) – Member of JURI, Substitute in IMCO

Melchior is an experienced Danish diplomat in data protection law and IT security at the Danish Agency for Labour Market and Recruitment. An early adopter of social media, she called herself a “Twiplomat” and has a keen interest in digitization, data protection and citizens’ rights. She holds a MA in Law as well as a Master of Public Administration from the

French School of Administration (ENA). She was touted as a potential JURI Chair in case the pro-European majority decides to strip the ID group of the chairmanship.

**Shaffaq Mohammad**

(U.K., Liberal Democrats, RE)

Mohammad is an experienced local politician. He was elected to the Sheffield City Council in 2004 as a liberal democrat and became chairman of the city council in 2016. In 2015, he was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) “for political service”. He graduated from Sheffield University with a degree in business studies.

**Lucy Nethsingha**

(U.K., Liberal Democrats, RE)

Nethsingha is teacher and politician who led the Liberal Democratic Group on the Cambridgeshire County Council from 2015 to 2019. She unsuccessfully contested the North East Cambridgeshire parliamentary constituency in the 2015 general election. One of her priorities is the protection of the environment. She holds a Master’s degree from Cambridge.

**Jan-Christoph Oetjen**

(Germany, Freie Demokratische Partei, RE) – Vice Chair TRAN, Substitute LIBE

Jan-Christoph Oetjen is an experienced regional politician as deputy of the Saxony Landtag since 2003. During that time, he was the agricultural policy and then the domestic policy spokesman for the FDP. Oetjen holds a degree in Economics.

**Mauri Pekkarinen**

(Finland, Suomen Keskusta, RE) – Member of ITRE, Substitute in BUDG and REGI

Mauri Pekkarinen is an experienced national politician, in Parliament since 1979, and as a thrice Minister in the Finnish government (Minister of the Interior from 1991 to 1995, then Minister of Trade and Industry from 2003 to 2007 and finally Minister of Economic Affairs from 2008 to 2011). As Minister, he pushed entrepreneurship, economic growth and the energy

sector as priorities.

**Samira Rafaela**

(Netherlands, D66, RE) – Member of INTA and FEMM, Substitute in EMPL

Rafaela spent much of her career fighting social inequality and extreme right-wing populism, and describes herself as a “progressive, liberal feminist Muslim”. She campaigned on the basis of a Europe that is “strong, social, and safe”, with policy priorities including better EU-Caribbean linkages, fair and sustainable trade (Paris Agreement, better deal for developing

countries), a pro-digital tax position, boosted funding for the Erasmus programme, and support for defence cooperation, in particular on cybersecurity.

**Stéphane Séjourné**

(France, Renaissance, RE) – Member of JURI, Substitute in ECON

Séjourné is the former political adviser and 2017 presidential campaign strategist of French President Macron and was one of his closest lieutenants during the campaign. Prior to that, he worked as advisor in the French economics ministry. Séjourné was number six on the Renaissance list for the European Elections, and as Macron’s political liaison within the

Renew Europe Group, could play a major role in the French delegation and in defining the priorities of the Group.

**Marie-Pierre Vedrenne**

(France, Renaissance, RE) – Member of INTA and PETI, Substitute in EMPL

Vedrenne is a lawyer. Politically active from early age, she has been Chair and Vice Chair of the 'Young Europeans' at local and national level. In 2016, she became president of the 'House of Europe', a regional information centre devoted to the EU in Brittany. She holds a Master of Laws of the European Union and World Trade Organisation.

**Stéphanie Yon-Courtin**

(France, Renaissance, RE) – Vice Chair ECON, Substitute in IMCO

Yon-Courtin was mayor of Saint-Contest, in Normandie, Vice-President of the Council of Calvados and the Urban Community Caen la Mer. Former lawyer for the European Commission then lawyer specialised in competition law, she was international adviser to the Cabinet of the President of the Competition Authority, Bruno Lasserre.

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**Damian Boeselager**

(Germany, Volt, Greens/EFA) – Member of AFCO, Substitute of ITRE and LIBE

Boeselager is a German business consultant, a journalist and a politician who became the only elected candidate of the pan-European party Volt. He was one of the three founders of the movement and is currently its Vice-President. Before turning to politics, he worked for McKinsey, making him one of the Greens' MEPs with a more acute sense for business.

**Patrick Breyer**

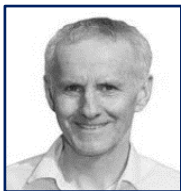
(Germany, Piraten, Greens/EFA) – Member of JURI, Substitute in LIBE

Breyer is a German digital rights activist and lawyer. He successfully contested in court the first German law on data retention. Between 2012 and 2017 he was a member of parliament in Schleswig-Holstein. In JURI and LIBE, he will continue the work of former German Pirate MEP Julia Reda, along with his three fellow Pirate MEPs elected in Czech Republic.

**Anna Cavazzini**

(Germany, Grüne, Greens/EFA) – Member of INTA, Substitute in IMCO

Cavazzini worked as an assistant for Ska Keller from 2009 to 2014 and is still one of the Greens' co-chair's close confidants. She also worked with the Danish Social Democrat Mogens Lykketoft during his term as the President of the UN General Assembly and works well with Nordic centre-left and left-wing parties. She worked as a trade policy officer for the NGO Campact. Some of her main political priorities are linked with SDGs.

**Ciarán Cuffe**

(Ireland, The Green Party - An Comhaontas Glas, Greens/EFA) – Member of ITRE and TRAN

Ciarán Cuffe has served in Irish national politics since 1997. In 2010, he was appointed Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Department of Transport and the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

**Petra De Sutter**

(Belgium, Groen, Greens/EFA) – Member of IMCO

A Flemish Green, De Sutter was a member of the Belgian senate from 2014 to 2019 and is likely to become the next Chair of the IMCO Committee. Since her political debut, De Sutter has been active on the need for independent clinical research in the pharmaceutical industry, the risks of TTIP on consumer's protection of food and chemicals, and on LGBT rights. She

is the first openly transgender representative among Belgian politicians.

**Francisco Guerreiro**

(Portugal, Pessoas-Animaís-Natureza, Greens/EFA) – Vice-Chair in AGRI, Member in BUDG & PECH

Francisco Guerreiro worked in the Portuguese Parliament from 2014 where he served as a political advisor for the committee on urbanism and the environment. Prior to that, he worked as a project leader and market researcher for the European Commission.

**Marcel Kolaja**

(Czech Rep, Pirate Party - Česká pirátská strana, Greens/EFA) – Vice-President of the EP, Member of IMCO, Substitute in CULT

Elected as lead Czech candidate for the Pirate Party. A software engineer, he has said he will "pursue the efforts of German Pirate MEP Julia Reda", with an agenda focused on digital rights, uncensored and unfiltered access to the internet, environmental protection,

addressing tax avoidance, improving technological competitiveness in the EU and limiting corporate lobbying in the EU.

**Sergey Lagodinsky**

(Germany, Bündnis 90/Die Grünen, Greens/EFA) – Vice Chair JURI, Substitute in LIBE

Lagodinsky started his career as a Journalist and worked for a variety of prestigious German and English media outlets, such as the FT Deutschland, BBC World Service, and Die Welt. He began his political career in the SPD but left after accusing them of indecisiveness and

timidity on the critical issues. He joined the Greens in 2011 and until his election to the European Parliament was the head of unit of the Heinrich Boell Foundation. He holds an MBA from Harvard University and a doctorate in Law from the Humboldt University in Berlin.

**Aileen McLeod**

(United Kingdom, Scottish National Party, Greens/EFA) – Member of ENVI and AFCD

Aileen McLeod is one of the three Scottish MEPs determined to stop Brexit. She parliamentary experience as SNP MP from 2011 to 2016. She was Scottish Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Land reform. Previously, she was policy advisor for a SNP MEP from 2004 to 2009. She holds a doctorate from the University of Central Lancashire.

**Ville Niinistö**

(Finland, Green League, Greens/EFA) – Member of ITRE, Substitute in ECON and ENVI

Niinistö got his start in the Finnish Parliament in 2007. During his political career, he served as Minister of the Environment for three years under two Prime Ministers (Katainen and Stubb). He left the government in protest of a proposed Russian-built nuclear reactor. He led the Green League party, which holds the environment ministry in the Finnish government

and Chairs environment and energy Council formats.

**Grace O'Sullivan**

(Ireland, The Green Party – An Comhaontas Glas, Greens/EFA) – Member of ENVI and PECH

One of two Irish Green MEPs, O'Sullivan served as a Senator, working on the Agriculture Panel, from 2016 to 2019. Aside from parliamentary work, she has a long-standing history of activism with Greenpeace, being a crew member of the Rainbow Warrior at the time of its controversial bombing in 1985 by the French intelligence services. She lists her priorities as “societal well-being”, environmental and public health, social policy (especially housing) and environmental protection combined with green jobs.

**Tineke Strik**

(The Netherlands, GroenLinks, Greens/EFA) – Member of LIBE, Substitute in AFET & DROI

A senator for some years, Tineke Strik has a long-term engagement with the Dutch Green Party, including the drafting of their manifesto between 2005 and 2006. She became a senator in 2007. Prior to that, she held several representative positions in her city council.

**Marie Toussaint**

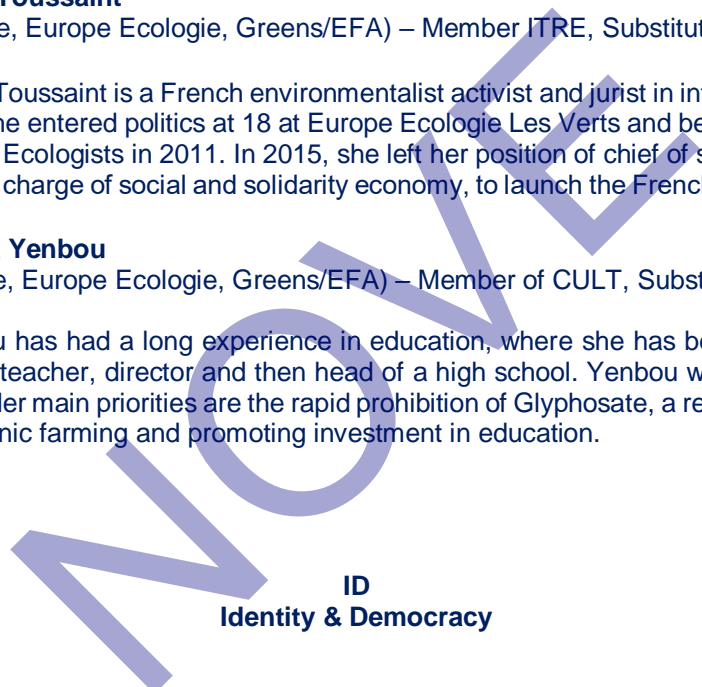
(France, Europe Ecologie, Greens/EFA) – Member ITRE, Substitute ENVI & JURI

Marie Toussaint is a French environmentalist activist and jurist in international environmental law. She entered politics at 18 at Europe Ecologie Les Verts and became co-secretary of the Young Ecologists in 2011. In 2015, she left her position of chief of staff with Antoinette Guhl, deputy mayor of Paris in charge of social and solidarity economy, to launch the French NGO, l'affaire du siècle.

**Salima Yenbou**

(France, Europe Ecologie, Greens/EFA) – Member of CULT, Substitute in EMPL

Yenbou has had a long experience in education, where she has been successively primary school teacher, director and then head of a high school. Yenbou was previously member of S&D. Her main priorities are the rapid prohibition of Glyphosate, a reform of the CAP in favour of organic farming and promoting investment in education.

**Marco Campomenosi**

(Italy, Lega, ID) – Member of TRAN, Substitute in INTA

Campomenosi has experience in Brussels and was an assistant to Matteo Salvini in his time as the MEP. He has also been Deputy Secretary General of the ENF Group, where he was in charge of coordinating the legislative activity of the group. His knowledge about Brussels and EU dynamics and the fact that Lega is going to be one of the biggest delegations in the Identity & Democracy group could profile him as a very influential member.

**Ivan David**

(Czech Republic, Svoboda a přímá demokracie, ID) – Member of AGRI, Substitute in ENVI

David was a member of the Czech Parliament 1998-2002, elected on the list of Social Democrats. He served as Minister of Health 1998-1999. In 2016, he joined the FDD party. A trained psychiatrist, he was director of the Prague Psychiatric Hospital until 2008.

**Julie Lechanteux**

(France, Rassemblement National, ID) – Member of TRAN, Substitute in EMPL

Lechanteux is a French politician who joined the Front National in 2013. In 2014, she ran for the local elections of Fréjus and became Deputy Mayor in charge of education affairs. She owns a hairdressing salon and a real state agency.

**Thierry Mariani**

(France, Rassemblement National, ID) – Member of ITRE, AFET, and DROI

Mariani served as Secretary of State for Transport for the Minister of Ecology, Sustainable Development, Transport and Housing during the third François Fillon government. He has also served as Mayor of Valréas. From 2012 to 2017, Mariani was a member of the French delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, where he served as Chair of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons. He recently changed from the centre-right Les Républicains to the far right Rassemblement National.

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**Mazaly Aguilar**

(Spain, Vox, ECR) – Member of AGRI, Substitute in INTA and SEDE

Aguilar is Vice-Secretary General in charge of institutional relations for VOX. Prior to her election to the European Parliament, she was professor of business. She worked for more than a decade in the banking sector. She holds a degree in Economics.

**Adam Bielan**

(Poland, Prawo i Sprawiedliwość, ECR) – Member of IMCO, Substitute in AFET

Bielan is a veteran of the European Parliament and IMCO committee, who spent the past five years in Polish national politics as deputy speaker of the Senate. With excellent credentials among colleagues, he will be one of the most influential MEPs in the sometimes controversial

PiS delegation.

**Geert Bourgeois**

(Belgium, Nieuw-Vlaamse Alliantie, ECR) – Member of INTA, Substitute in IMCO

Bourgeois served as Minister President of Flanders from 2014 to 2019. He served before that as the Flemish Minister for Public Governance, Foreign Policy, Media and Tourism. He is one of the founders of the Flemish NVA party and led their list at the European Elections. He will be a powerhouse of the NVA delegation in ECR group, and defend a pro-business agenda.

**Carlo Fidanza**

(Italy, Fratelli d'Italia, ECR) – Member of IMCO, Substitute in TRAN

Fidanza has an extensive political experience. He started as municipal councilor in Milan from 2006 to 2011. In 2009, he was elected as MEP for the People of Freedom (PDL) which he left in 2012 to launch Fratelli d'Italia. In 2018, he was elected to the Chambers of Deputies. He studied International Affairs at the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart in Milan.

**Pietro Fiocchi**

(Italy, Fratelli di Italia, ECR) – Member of ENVI, Substitute in ITRE

Pietro Fiocchi is an entrepreneur and president of the American branch of Fiocchi Munizioni since 1998, a family-owned company specialized in the production of Ammunition. He has set up as mandate priorities, the protection of hunting, of “nature’s ecosystem” and not pandering to the “environmentalist mafia”. He holds an engineering degree in aerospace from

the University of Missouri.

**Emmanouil Fragkos**

(Greece, Elliniki Lusi-Greek Solution, ECR) – Member of DCAR, Substitute in D-CN

Twenty-six-year-old Fragkos joined the European Parliament as a substitute for Kyriákos Velópoulos who returned to national politics following snap elections in Greece. He serves as deputy coordinator of ECR in two committees (INTA and PETI), despite not yet being officially a member of either.

**Patryk Jaki**

(Poland, Solidarna Polska Zbigniewa Ziobro, ECR) – Member of LIBE

Patryk Jaki is an experienced national politician. He became Secretary of State in the Ministry of Justice in 2015 responsible for, inter alia, supervision over the Prison Service. He was also the chairman of the Polish Council of Penitentiary Policy and author of the government programme for the employment of prisoners, which helped to increase employment among

convicts by 50%.

**Derk Jan Eppink**

(Netherlands, Forum voor Democratie, ECR) – Vice-Chair of ECON

Derk Jan Eppink is a journalist and politician. He was former cabinet secretary for European Commissioners Bolkestein (1999-2004) and Kallas (2004-2007). In 2009, he was elected to the European Parliament for the LDD (previously known as List Dedecker) a Flemish political party in Belgium, and in 2019 for the Dutch Forum for Democracy. He is also a contributor to various Dutch and Flemish media outlets, having reported on the 2008 American presidential elections. He studied Dutch law at the VU University (Amsterdam) and European law and International Politics at the University of Amsterdam.

**Assita Kanko**

(Belgium, Nieuw-Vlaamse Alliantie, ECR) – Member LIBE, Substitute AFET and SEDE

Kanko is a former political advisor and local politician in Ixelles (Brussels-Capital region). She grew up in Burkina Faso, studying to become a journalist before emigrating to the Netherlands in 2001 and to Belgium in 2004. After working as a parliamentary assistant for Flemish Liberal Open Vld, in 2012 she was elected as a local official in municipal elections for the Walloon *Mouvement Réformateur* party. In the following years she served as a communications advisor to MR Minister Denis Ducarme. She serves as ECR Vice-President.

**Joanna Kopcińska**

(Poland, Prawo I Sprawiedliwość, ECR) – Member of ENVI, Substitute in EMPL

Joanna Kopcińska is a Polish politician, doctor and academic. She was Mayor of the Polish city of Łódź between 2013 and 2014. In 2017 she became the Spokesperson of the Polish Government. She became a Member of the Polish Parliament in 2015, where she served as Vice-Chair of the Health Committee.

**Elżbieta Kruk**

(Poland, Prawo i Sprawiedliwość, ECR) – Member of REGI, Substitute in ITRE and CULT

Kruk is one of the founders of the PiS. In 2006, she was appointed by Lech Kaczyński to the National Council of Radio Broadcasting and Television; later that year she became the chair of the board. In 2007, she resigned to become an MP for the constituency of Lublin and served as Deputy Chair of the Commission on Culture and the Media.

**Dace Melbarde**

(Latvia, Nacionālā apvienība "Visu Latvijai!"-"Tēvzemei un Brīvībai", ECR) – Member CULT, Substitute ENVI

Melbarde was Latvian Minister of Culture from 2013 - 2019 and was former Director of the Latvian National Centre for Culture. She believes that it is necessary to establish a single EU position on the 'information space' and work toward better cooperation with social networks. She will be attentive to strengthening smaller cultures and languages, including within the digital environment.

**Nicola Procaccini**

(Italy, Fratelli d'Italia, ECR) – Member of LIBE, Substitute in AGRI

Procaccini started his career at 21, when he was elected councilor of Terracina. In 2011 he became mayor of the city. In 2015, facing fierce opposition from 13 municipal councilors, he was forced to leave his seat. He was re-elected in 2016. He joined Fratelli d'Italia in 2013.

**Raffaele Stancanelli**

(Italy, Fratelli d'Italia, ECR) – Member of JURI, Substitute in PECH

Stancanelli was mayor of Catania from 2008 to 2013 and senator from 2018. He was among the founders in 2014 of the # DiventeràBellissima movement, a conservative and regionalist movement.

**Grzegorz Tobiszowski**

(Poland, Prawo i Sprawiedliwość, ECR) – Member of ITRE, Substitute ENVI and BUDG

Tobiszowski is a member of the Law and Justice party. He is a former secretary of state in the Ministry of Energy from 2015-2019 before being elected to the European Parliament. He has been a deputy for the Law and Justice party since 2005. He supported the USA's withdrawal from the Paris Agreement. He graduated in sociology from the University of Lublin.

**Beata Szydło**

(Poland, Prawo i Sprawiedliwość, ECR) – Substitute in IMCO

Szydło is the former Prime Minister of Poland and the Deputy Prime Minister. Longstanding heavyweight of the governing Law and Justice party, she will be a leader of the key delegation in the ECR Group. Her legislative clout is beyond ECR may be limited, due to a history she had with the EP during her term as the PM. It was reflected in her refusal as EMPL Chair. A veteran of European Council battles, Szydło will nonetheless be a political power broker in the Parliament.

**Jan Van Overtveldt**

(Belgium, Nieuw-Vlaamse Alliantie, ECR) – Member of ECON and BUDG, Substitute in TRAN

Van Overtveldt holds a doctorate in applied economics, which led him to become a financial journalist for fifteen years. During that time, he also worked in the banking sector for ING. In 2014, he joined N-VA and was elected to the European Parliament. However, he became Finance Minister in the Belgian Government until 2018 and therefore never sat in the European Parliament. He quit the government in 2018 over the UN migrant pact support. He will serve as the BUDG Chair.

**Alexandr Vondra**

(Czechia, Občanská demokratická strana, ECR) – Member of ENVI, Substitute in LIBE

Alexandr Vondra is a former Czech Minister of Defence (2010-2012), Minister of Foreign Affairs (2006-2007), Deputy Prime Minister for European Affairs (2007-2009), and Senator (2006-2012). He was active during the Velvet Revolution and briefly imprisoned during this time. After the revolution, he served as a foreign policy advisor to President Vaclav Havel, and subsequently rose through the ranks of Czech politics. A former Czech Ambassador to the United States, he is considered a strong supporter of transatlantic partnership.

GUE/NGL**Confederal Group of the European United Left/Nordic Green Left****Manon Aubry**

(France, France Insoumise, GUE/NGL) – Member JURI, Substitute DEVE & ECON

Manon Aubry was head of the left-wing list of FI. She started her career as an NGO activist in the humanitarian sector. She worked for Médecins du Monde and a local NGO in Liberia. She later became head of advocacy for tax justice and inequalities at Oxfam France until 2018. A human rights teacher at Sciences Po Paris, she is the co-author of the study 'Banks in Exile: How the European Big Banks benefit from tax havens'.

**José Gusmão**

(Portugal, Bloco de Esquerda, GUE/NGL) – Vice-Chair in ECON, Substitute in EMPL.

Gusmão was a research assistant in the Research Centre for Portuguese Economy, focusing on intellectual property. He is also a published author of several books about the eurozone crisis and inclusive economy. He served as an MP between 2009 and 2011, presiding the finance committee. Since 2011, he has worked in the European Parliament as an assistant to Marisa Matias.

**Niyazi Kızılyürek**

(Cyprus, AKEL, GUE/NGL) – Member of CULT, Substitute in REGI

Turkish Cypriot, earning his degree and PhD in Germany, who served on the advisory board of the EPP Cypriot President Nicos Anastasiades, Kızılyürek only entered politics in 2019. He caused plenty of controversy announcing he would promote Turkish as a language of the EU, being one of the official languages of Cyprus, despite his objections to Turkish military occupation.

**Petros Kokkalis**

(Greece, Syriza, GUE/NGL) – Member of ENVI, Substitute in AGRI

Kokkalis brings substantial business experience into the EP. He was Vice President of Intracom, a large multinational technology group in South-Eastern Europe, and Vice President of Intralot, a gaming technology supplier. Besides his business roles, he was VP of the football club Olympiacos and Secretary General of Organization Earth, an environment education NGO.