

NEW EC COMMISSION TO TAKE OFFICE IN JANUARY

The European Community's new Commission will take office in January for a term of office of at least two years.

Meeting today in Brussels, the new Commissioners decided on the portfolios which have been recast to promote the Maastricht Treaty's objectives of deeper political, economic and social integration in the Community.

Jacques Delors will continue as Commission President, as agreed by EC Heads of State and Government when they met for the European Council in Lisbon in June. The Commission's new Vice Presidents will be named in January. Nine members of the old Commission -- Martin Bangemann, Sir Leon Brittan, Henning Christophersen, Manuel Marin, Abel Matutes, Bruce Millan, Peter Schmidhuber, Christiane Scrivener and Karel Van Miert -- will keep their seats.

The seven new members of the Commission are Joao de Deus Pinheiro, Pdraig Flynn, Ioannis Paleokrassas, Antonio Ruberti, Rene Steichen, Hans van den Broek, and Raniero Vanni d'Archirafi.

The Commission is responsible for applying and enforcing EC treaties. It proposes policies and legislation and oversees Community administration.

The Commission's 17 members -- two each from France, Germany, Italy, Spain and the United Kingdom and one each from the other seven member states -- act in the Community's interest, independently of their national governments.

Commissioners have their offices in Brussels, where most Commission meetings are held. Commission administrative units are located in both Brussels and Luxembourg.

The new members are listed below in protocol order. Biographies of the Commissioners follow in alphabetical order.

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MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AND THEIR PORTFOLIOS

Jacques Delors
President

Secretariat General
Forward Studies Unit
Inspectorate General
Legal Service
Monetary Matters
Spokesman's Service
Joint Interpreting and Conference Service
Security Office

Henning Christophersen

Economic and Financial Affairs
Monetary Matters (in agreement with President Delors)
Credit and Investments
Statistical Office

Manuel Marin

Cooperation and Development
• economic cooperation with the countries of the
Southern Mediterranean, the Middle East, the
Near East, Latin America and Asia
• Lome Convention
European Community Humanitarian Aid Office

Martin Bangemann

Industrial Affairs
Information and Telecommunications Technology

Sir Leon Brittan

External Economic Affairs (North America, Japan, China,
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe, including Central
and Eastern Europe)
Commercial Policy

Abel Matutes

Energy and Euratom Supply Agency
Transport

Peter Schmidhuber

Budgets
Financial Control
Fraud Prevention
Cohesion Fund (coordination and management)

Christiane Scrivener

Customs and Indirect Taxation
Direct Taxation
Consumer Policy

Bruce Millan

Regional Policy
Relations with Committee of the Regions

Karel van Miert

Competition
Personnel and Administration Policy
Translation and Informatics

Hans van den Broek	External Political Relations Common Foreign and Security Policy Enlargement Negotiations (Task Force)
Joao de Deus Pinheiro	Relations with the European Parliament Internal Relations with Member States (regard to openness, communication and information) Culture and Audiovisual Office for Official Publications
Padraig Flynn	Social Affairs and Employment Relations with Economic and Social Committee Questions linked to Immigration, Internal and Judicial Affairs
Antonio Ruberti	Science, Research and Development Joint Research Center Human Resources, Education, Training and Youth
Rene Steichen	Agriculture and Rural Development
Ioannis Paleokrassas	Environment, Nuclear Safety and Civil Protection Fisheries
Raniero Vanni d'Archirafi	Institutional Questions Internal Market Financial Institutions Enterprise Policy: Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Trade and Crafts

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON EC COMMISSIONERS

PRESIDENT

Jacques Delors (France)

Jacques Delors was first appointed President of the EC Commission in January 1985. Many of the instruments crucial to the 1992 program - the White Paper, the Single European Act, budgetary reform, were introduced during his first term. Based on this success, his mandate for a second term starting January 1989 was renewed at the Hanover European Council in 1988. It was renewed for a third term at the Lisbon European Council in June 1992.

Before becoming Commission President, Mr. Delors served as Minister of Finance in the French Government from 1981 to 1984. A member of the Central Committee of the French Socialist Party, Delors was also Town Councillor, and later Mayor, of Clichy from 1983 to 1984. From 1979 to 1981, he was a Member of the European Parliament, where he was a Chairman of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs. He has held several positions in the Bank of France, including Member of the General Council from 1973 to 1979. He was also Secretary-General for the Interdepartmental Committee for Vocational Training and Social Advancement from 1969 to 1973. Jacques Delors was born July 20, 1925. He is married to Marie Lephaille and has a daughter, Martine.

MEMBERS in Alphabetical Order

Martin Bangemann (Germany)

Mr. Bangemann has been a member of the Commission since 1989 when he was appointed for four years with the portfolio for Internal Market and Industrial Affairs. Before being appointed to the Commission, he was Federal Minister of Economics in the German government since 1984. He was elected to the German Parliament (Bundestag) in 1987, and also served there from 1972 to 1980. Mr. Bangemann was a Member of the European Parliament from 1973 to 1984, serving as Chairman (1979-84) and Vice Chairman (1975-79) of the Parliament's Liberal Democratic Group. Mr. Bangemann has been active in the Free Democratic Party in Germany since 1963. He was Chairman of the Party from 1985 to October 1988, and Secretary-General from 1974 to 1975. Birth Date: November 15, 1934.

Leon Brittan (United Kingdom)

Sir Leon Brittan has been a member of the Commission since 1989 when he was appointed to a four-year term with responsibility for Competition and Financial Institutions. Before joining the Commission, Sir Leon was a Conservative Member of Parliament in the United Kingdom since 1974. He held several Cabinet posts, including Secretary of State for Trade and Industry (1985-86), Home Secretary (1983-85) and Chief Secretary to the Treasury (1981-1983). He was Minister of State at the Home Office from 1979 to 1981. Birth Date: September 25, 1939.

Henning Christophersen (Denmark)

Mr. Christophersen became Vice-President of the Commission in 1985 and is now in his third term. In his second term (1989-1992) he was responsible for Economic and Financial Affairs and in his first term he held the portfolio for Budget, Financial Control, and Personnel and Administration. Mr. Christophersen has also served in the Danish Government as Minister for Finance and Deputy Prime Minister (1982-1984) and Minister for Foreign Affairs (1978-79). He was National Auditor from 1976 to 1978. He also served in the Danish Parliament (Folketing), where he was Chairman of the Liberal Party (1979-1982), Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee (1979-1981) and Chairman of the Finance Committee (1975). Birth Date: November 8, 1939.

João de Deus Pinheiro (Portugal)

Mr. de Deus Pinheiro has been Minister of Foreign Affairs of Portugal since 1987. He has also served as Minister for Education and Culture and Minister for Education in Portugal's tenth and ninth constitutional governments, respectively. In the eighth constitutional government, he was Secretary of State in the Ministry for Education. A Doctor in Chemistry from the University of Birmingham, Mr. de Deus Pinheiro was a national delegate on the Committee for Scientific Policy in the OECD and a consultant on scientific policy for UNESCO. Birth Date: July 11, 1945.

Padraig Flynn (Ireland)

Mr. Flynn has been Minister for Justice in the Irish Government since February 11, 1992. A member of the Fianna Fail Party and first elected to Dáil Éireann (the Irish Parliament) in 1977, he has also been Minister for the Environment (1987-1991), Minister for Trade, Commerce and Tourism (1982), Minister for the Gaeltacht (1982), and Minister of State at the Department of Transport and Power (1980-81). He has also been Party Spokesman for Trade, Commerce and Tourism (1982-87). A teacher by profession, he first joined local government in 1967, when he became a member of the Mayo County Council, on which he served until 1987. He was also a Member of the General Council of County Councils (1973-1981), Member of the Mayo Western Health Board (1973-87) and Member of the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Council (1973-80). Birth Date: May, 1939.

Mannuel Marin Gonzalez (Spain)

Mr. Marin was responsible for Cooperation and Development in the second Delors Commission (1989-92) and has been Vice President of the Commission since January 1986, when Spain joined the EC. He was responsible for Social Affairs, Education and Employment in his first term. He was Spain's Secretary of State for Relations with the European Community from 1983 to 1985. A member of the Socialist Workers' Party, he served in Spain's Congress of Deputies from 1977 to 1985. During that time, he was a member of the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe, Vice President of the Confederation of Socialist Parties in the European Community and member of the Joint Committee of the European and Spanish Parliaments. Birth Date: October 21, 1949.

Abel Matutes Juan (Spain)

Abel Matutes has been Commissioner for Mediterranean Policy, Relations with Latin America and North-South Relations since 1989. He first joined the Commission in 1986 and held the portfolio for Credit, Investment and Financial Instruments and Policy for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises. National Vice President of the Alianza Popular (AP), Spain's main conservative opposition party, he served in the Congress of Deputies from 1982 to 1985. He served from 1977 to 1982 in the Spanish Senate, where he was AP Spokesman for economic and financial matters. Mr. Matutes was Mayor of Ibiza from 1970 to 1971, and Vice President of the Organization of Tourism Employers of Ibiza and Formentera from 1964 to 1977. Birth date: October 31, 1941.

Bruce Millan (United Kingdom)

Mr. Millan joined the Commission in 1989 when he was first appointed with responsibility for Regional Policy. Before joining the Commission, he was a Member of the UK Parliament since 1959. He served in the Cabinet as Secretary of State for Scotland from 1976 to 1979. He was also Minister of State (1974-76) and Junior Minister (1966-70) for Health and Education in the Scottish Office; and Junior Minister in the Ministry of Defense (1964-66). A Labour Party Member, he was Opposition Spokesman for Scotland from 1979 to 1983, and on Civil Aviation and then on Scottish affairs between 1970 and 1974. Birth Date: October 5, 1927.

Ioannis Paleokrassas (Greece)

Mr. Paleokrassas has been Minister of Industry, Energy, Technology and Commerce from August 1992. He was also Minister of Finance from 1990 to 1992. A member of the Nea Dimokratia political party, while his party was in opposition (1981-1990) he served as Secretary General of the Parliamentary Group, Chairman of the Financial Committee of the Party, and Chairman of its Parliamentary Group on the National Economy. In the government of Mr. Karamanlis, he served as Minister of Coordination (1981), Alternate Minister for Coordination (1980) and Under Secretary at the same ministry (1977-80). In 1978, he was elected as a Deputy of the Greek Parliament. A graduate of the London School of Economics, Mr. Paleokrassas began his career in business and worked in shipping, management, planning and consulting. Birth Date: March 27, 1934.

Antonio Ruberti (Italy)

Mr. Ruberti has been Minister for Research and University Affairs in the governments of Gorla (1988) and Andreotti (1989-92). He was elected to Parliament for the Rome-Latina-Viterbo constituency in April 1992. Before his involvement in national politics, Mr. Ruberti had an academic career. He is a Professor at the La Sapienza University (Rome) and was its Director from 1976 to 1987. An engineer by training, he was born in Aversa, near Caserta, in southern Italy. Birth Date: January 24, 1927.

Heter Schmidhuber (Germany)

Mr. Schmidhuber was responsible for Budget and Financial Control in the second Delors Commission (1989-1992). He joined the Commission in 1987 with responsibility for Macroeconomics, Regional Policy and Statistics. From 1978 to 1987, he was a member of the State Government of Bavaria in charge of federal legislation, a Member of the German Parliament (Bundesrat) and Representative of Bavaria in the Federal Government. He was a member of the Parliament's lower chamber (Bundestag) from 1972 to 1978 and previously from 1965 to 1969, serving on the Economic and Tax Affairs Committees. Mr. Schmidhuber's first elected office was as Member of the City Council of Munich. Birth date: December 15, 1931.

Christiane Scrivener (France)

Ms. Scrivener served in the 1989-1992 Delors Commission as Commissioner for Taxation and Customs Union. Before that appointment, she had been a Member of the European Parliament since 1979. She is a member of the Union for the French Democracy Party. She was Adviser to the Chairman of the Agency for Technical, Industrial and Economic Cooperation in France from 1978 to 1983. She was Secretary of State for Consumer Affairs for the French Government from 1976 to 1978. In her separate role as businesswoman, she has been involved since 1958 in organizing French technical cooperation with more than 100 countries, developing international technical and industrial exchanges, and promoting French technology abroad. Birth Date: September 1, 1925.

Rene Steichen (Luxembourg)

Mr. Steichen has served in his national government as Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development since 1989. He first entered government as Minister of State for Agriculture and Viticulture in 1984. He was elected Deputy of the Christian Social Party in 1979. A native of Diekirch, he was the city's mayor from 1974-1984. He joined Diekirch's city council in 1969. After completing legal studies in Paris and Aix-en-Provence, Mr. Steichen practiced law in Luxembourg from 1969 to 1984. Birth Date: November 27, 1942.

Hans van den Broek (Netherlands)

Mr. van den Broek has been Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands since November 7, 1989, when Ruud Lubbers was elected Prime Minister of the Netherlands for the third time. Mr. van den Broek - a member of the Dutch Catholic People's Party (KVP) - also served as Foreign Minister in Prime Minister Lubbers' second (1986-1989) and first (1982-1986) governments. He was State Secretary for Foreign Affairs (a cabinet level position one step below Minister) in former Dutch Prime Minister Andreas van Agt's second and third governments (1981-1982). Mr. van den Broek was a member of the Dutch Lower House of the States-General (Parliament) from 1976 to 1981 and became a member of the KVP's executive council in 1978. Birth Date: December 11, 1936.

Karel Van Miert (Belgium)

Mr. Van Miert has been Commissioner for Transport and Consumer Protection in the 1989-92 Commission. Environment was added to his portfolio after the departure of former Commissioner Carlo Ripa di Meana in mid-1992. Mr. Van Miert was a Member of the Belgian Parliament from 1985 until his appointment to the Commission in 1989 and a Member of the European Parliament from 1984. He has been Vice Chairman of the Socialist International since 1986, and was Chairman of the Flemish Socialists from 1978 to 1988. He was Vice Chairman of the Confederation of Socialist Parties of the European Community from 1978 to 1980. Mr. Van Miert served as Chief of Staff to the Belgian Minister for Economic Affairs, and early in his career worked for the EC Commission. Birth Date: January 17, 1942.

Raniero Vanni d'Archirafi (Italy)

Mr. Vanni d'Archirafi has been Italy's Director General for Political Affairs since 1991. During that time, he participated in the year-long intergovernmental conference on the Maastricht Treaty on European Union. He was also appointed Director General for Economic Affairs in July 1989. A career diplomat, he was appointed Italy's Ambassador to Germany in 1987, and Ambassador to Spain in 1984. In 1980, he was Head of Cabinet for the Minister of Foreign Affairs. Earlier in 1980, he was in charge of coordinating activities during Italy's Council Presidency and was involved in the preparation of the Venice Summit. Mr. Vanni d'Archirafi served in Italy's Permanent Delegation to the Community (1961-1966) and began his diplomatic career in 1956. Birth Date: June 7, 1931.