



Senior management

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Continuity and change: Commission appoints new Secretary-General and reshuffles its senior management

The European Commission has today decided to appoint Alexander Italianer as new Secretary-General following Catherine Day's decision to retire from active service as of 1 September 2015. The Commission has also decided to reshuffle its senior management team. Continuity and change being equally important for the success of this College, a significant number of current senior managers will be taking on new responsibilities.

Following the re-organisation of the Commission in November 2014, today's decision is a further step in gearing the Commission towards effective delivery. It concludes an inclusive process set in motion by the President in March 2015. First, Commissioners proposed three names of senior managers they would like to see as their Director-General. Then, the President consulted the relevant Vice-Presidents on the proposals submitted to him, counting on the valuable support and advice of Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva.

Presenting today's decision, President Jean-Claude **Juncker** said: *"I want to wholeheartedly thank Catherine Day for her commitment and skilful steer of our administration for so many years. She played a crucial role in helping this new Commission to start at full speed. I am sure our new Secretary-General, Alexander Italianer, will build on her tremendous success. We have a strong team in place to deliver on Europe's big priorities. At the same time, there are still too few women among our senior managers. It remains my firm intention to change that during my mandate"*.

Kristalina **Georgieva**, Vice-President in charge of Human Resources and Budget, said: *"This is a team of talented and experienced professionals, who will work closely with the political leaders to deliver on the priorities of the Juncker Commission - the right people in the right place, at the right time. And I am strongly committed to bring the share of female managers to 40% by the end of this mandate."*

Today's decision involves two types of moves among the current senior management team of 33 Directors-General, 36 Deputy Directors-General and 4 *Hors Classe* Advisers.

- First, 11 current Directors-General will move department or take on other important assignments, respectively.
- Second, eight current Deputy Directors-General, including two women, will become Directors-General.
- Third, Jonathan Faull will take on the new Director-General position leading a Task Force responsible for strategic issues related to the UK Referendum, reporting directly to the President.
- Fourth, three Director-General posts and 10 Deputy Director-General posts will be published in the near future. Further publications of Deputy Director-General posts will follow.
- Finally, two Deputy Director-General posts and three *Hors Classe* Advisers will be created (whilst threecurrent *Hors Classe* Adviser posts will be suppressed).

With regard to gender balance, the situation remains unsatisfactory. Today's re-shuffle could not address this issue because it was, by its nature, limited to moves among the current senior managers. The current team does not yet include a sufficient number of women.

Today's changes are summarised in the table below.

Directors-General			
Name	Current function	New function	Date of effect
Mr Alexander ITALIANER	DG COMP	Secretary-General	1 September 2015
Mr Joao AGUIAR MACHADO	DG MOVE	DG MARE	1 September 2015
Mr Daniel CALLEJA CRESPO	DG GROW	DG ENV	1 September 2015
Ms Lowri EVANS	DG MARE	DG GROW	1 September 2015

Mr Karl Friedrich FALKENBERG	DG ENV	<i>Hors Classe</i> Adviser "Senior Adviser for Sustainable Development" EPSC	1 September 2015
Mr Jonathan FAULL	DG FISMA	DG "Task Force for Strategic Issues related to the UK Referendum" in SG	1 September 2015
Mr Robert MADELIN	DG CNECT	<i>Hors Classe</i> Adviser "Senior Adviser for Innovation" EPSC	1 September 2015
Mr Xavier PRATS MONNE	DG EAC	DG SANTE	1 September 2015
Mr Stephen QUEST	DG DIGIT	DG TAXUD	1 January 2016
Ms Martine REICHERTS	DG OP	DG EAC	1 September 2015
Mr Claus SØRENSEN	ECHO	<i>Hors Classe</i> Adviser "Senior Adviser for Resilience, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response" EPSC	1 September 2015

Deputy Directors-General / Hors Classe Adviser

<i>Name</i>	<i>Current function</i>	<i>New function</i>	<i>Date of effect</i>
Mr Johannes LAITENBERGER	DDG SJ	DG COMP	1 September 2015
Mr Henrik HOLOLEI	DSG SG	DG MOVE	1 October 2015
Mr Olivier GUERSENT	DDG DG FISMA	DG FISMA	1 September 2015
Ms Marianne KLINGBEIL	DSG SG	DG "Regulatory Scrutiny Board" in SG	1 July 2015
Ms Katarina MATHERNOVA	<i>Hors Classe</i> Adviser DG REGIO	DDG DG NEAR	1 September 2015
Ms Monique PARIAT	DDG DG AGRI	DG ECHO	1 September 2015
Mr Timo PESONEN	DDG DG COMM	DG COMM	1 July 2015
Mr Martinus VERWEY	DDG DG ECFIN	DG "Structural Reform Support Service" in SG	1 July 2015
Mr Roberto VIOLA	DDG DG CNECT	DG CNECT	1 September 2015

Other decisions

The currently vacant posts of **Head of Representation** in Ljubljana, The Hague, Helsinki and Vienna have now been filled:

Name	Commission Representation	Date
Mr Zoran STANCIC	Ljubljana	1 January 2016
Mr Peter BEKX	The Hague	1 September 2015
Ms Sari ARTJOKI	Helsinki	1 September 2015
Mr Jörg WOJAHN	Vienna	1 September 2015

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