

Article – Commissioner hearings: Várhelyi, Breton, Vălean to face MEPs’ questions



Before the European Parliament votes the new European Commission, led by [Ursula von der Leyen](#), into office, parliamentary committees assess the suitability of all commissioners-designate.

Parliament's legal affairs committee identified conflicts of interests with two earlier candidates – László Trócsányi (Hungary) and Rovana Plumb (Romania) – while Sylvie Goulard (France) did not receive the support of the internal market and industry committees for the post of internal market commissioner. As a result, the three candidates had to be withdrawn and new candidates were proposed.

Each candidate commissioner is invited to a live-streamed, three-hour hearing in front of the committee or committees responsible for their proposed portfolio.

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