

Article – The new Parliament and the new Commission



They in turn voted on 16 July 2019 to elect Ursula von der Leyen as president of the European Commission, the first woman to hold the post.

She will put a team together based on nominees from national capitals – commissioners-designate – whose competence and abilities MEPs will examine in a series of parliamentary committee hearings in late September/October.

Once this is done, MEPs will vote on the full College of Commissioners at the end of October.

The legitimacy of the Commission and of its President therefore rests on the legitimacy of Parliament and the democratic election of its members.

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