

## President Juncker temporarily transfers portfolio responsibilities following departure of two Members of the European Commission

Following the resignation of Andrus **Ansip** and Corina **Crețu** from their respective Commission mandates in order to take up the seats they were elected to in the European Parliament, President **Juncker** has decided to temporarily transfer their portfolios to Vice-President **Šefčovič** and Commissioner Hahn respectively.

Andrus **Ansip** has served until now as Vice-President for the Digital Single Market, and Corina Crețu has been in charge of Regional Policy. With his experience as Energy Union Vice-President and project team leader, Vice-President **Šefčovič** has the necessary expertise and a good network, both of which make him the ideal person to ensure continuity in the Digital Single Market portfolio during this temporary period. Commissioner **Hahn**, in charge of European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, was in charge of regional policy during his previous Commission mandate and hence has all the necessary knowledge and contacts to temporarily manage the Regional Policy portfolio.

This is in line with Article 17(6) of the Treaty on European Union and Article 248 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, according to which the President decides how the European Commission is organised.

This morning, President **Juncker** informed the European Parliament and Prime Minister Antti Rinne, as the current holder of the Presidency of the Council, Vice-President **Šefčovič** and Commissioner **Hahn**, as well as the rest of the College about the resulting temporary working arrangements. The updated Decision on the organisation of responsibilities of the Members of the Commission is available online [here](#) and a full overview is [here](#).