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Teresa Ribera

**Executive Vice-President for Clean,
Just and Competitive Transition**

Competition (DG COMP)

Portfolio Essentials

Ribera will oversee the EU's clean and competitive transition in a socially fair way through decarbonization, EU circular economy, EU's competitiveness and industry innovation.

Priorities for 2024-2029

Integrating EU's industrial growth and competitiveness with environmental and sustainable objectives via new initiatives like:

- **Clean Industrial Deal** to decarbonize while cutting energy costs
- **Investment Commission** to simplify rules and access to EU funds
- **New Competitiveness Coordination Tool** to foster competition and deepen the single market
- **Foreign Subsidies Regulation** to strengthen foreign direct investments
- **Chemicals Industry Package** (PFAS clarification, REACH revision)
- **Water Resilience Strategy** to make water resilient across the EU



Stéphane Séjourné

Executive Vice-President for Prosperity and Industrial Strategy

Internal Market, Industry and SMEs (DG GROW)

Portfolio Essentials

Séjourné's key role will be to make the EU more prosperous and competitive. He'll seek to do so by making Europe a technological and industrial powerhouse supported by an efficient single market.

Priorities for 2024-2029

Decarbonizing the EU's industry, promoting investment and boosting innovation. This will be supported by new policy initiatives:

- **Clean Industrial Deal** to decarbonize while cutting energy costs
- **European Competitiveness Fund** to boost investment in innovation
- **Horizontal Single Market Strategy** to deepen the single market
- **Circular Economy Act** to create demand for secondary raw materials
- **Chemicals Industry Package** (PFAS clarification, REACH revision)
- **SME Passport** to cut red tape and ease access to EU funds
- Implementation of **Critical Raw Materials Act** & **Net Zero Industrial Act**



Jessika Roswall

Commissioner for Environment, Resilience and a Competitive Circular Economy

Environment (DG ENV)

Portfolio Essentials

Roswall will oversee the EU's environment policy and focus on the implementation of circular economy initiatives under the Green Deal. New policies around chemicals, water, and biodiversity are expected.

Priorities for 2024-2029

Implementing and enforcing the European Green Deal with a focus on incentives, investments and effective implementation by:

- Doubling EU's circularity rate by 2030 with possible binding targets on resource use or material footprint in the **Circular Economy Act**
- Improving the **"polluter pay" principle**
- Strengthening EU water security, efficiency, scarcity and pollution in the **Water resilience Strategy**
- Simplifying REACH and providing clarity on PFAS in the **Chemicals Industry Package**



Maroš Šefčovič

**Commissioner for Trade and Economic Security;
Interinstitutional Relations and Transparency**

Trade (DG TRADE) ; Taxation and Customs (DG TAXUD)

Portfolio Essentials

As the longest-running Commissioner, Šefčovič will focus on developing a pragmatic EU trade policy. He will work closely with Séjourné on a new Industrial Strategy to boost the EU's productivity.

Priorities for 2024-2029

Boosting the EU's role in global trade, strengthening EU-US trade relations and protecting the Single Market from distortive measures.

- Reinforce **EU strategic autonomy** by avoiding economic dependencies
- Enhance **EU-US cooperation and rebalance trade relations with China**
- Focus trade deals and investments partnerships **on clean technologies**
- Reform and strengthen the **World Trade Organization**
- Enhance **Commission's cooperation with the EU Parliament**



Valdis Dombrovskis

Commissioner for Economy and Productivity; Implementation and Simplification

Economic and Financial Affairs (DG ECFIN)

Portfolio Essentials

Dombrovskis's mission is to simplify the implementation of EU law by reducing administrative burden. He will also support with the transition to a sustainable and competitive economic growth model.

Priorities for 2024-2029

Contribute to the transition to a sustainable and competitive economic growth model, through more investments but also by:

- Fostering a **predictable business environment** (cutting down red tape)
- **Simplify** EU legislation (fitness and reality checks with stakeholders)
- Foreseen **taxation** focus on externality-generating activities
- Improve simplicity, flexibility, and speed of **EU budget (MFF)**
- Invest in innovative and clean tech through a new **EU Competitiveness Fund** along with a new **Competitiveness Coordination Tool**
- Boost financing for innovative companies (**European Investment Fund**)



Wopke Hoekstra

Commissioner for Climate, Net Zero and Clean Growth

Climate Action (DG CLIMA); Taxation and Customs (DG TAXUD)

Portfolio Essentials

Hoekstra will ensure that the EU delivers on its climate commitments, ensuring high ambition, technological neutrality and a social and fair transition for all. He will also be responsible for taxation.

Priorities for 2024-2029

Leading the EU to net-zero by 2050, while enabling clean growth. This will be supported by new policy initiatives, including:

- **Clean Industrial Deal** to ensure affordable energy and clean investment
- Embed climate risks in EU policies with a new **Climate Adaptation Plan**
- Include 2040 90% net GHG reduction target into **European Climate Law**
- **EU tax initiatives** to help EU competitiveness and prosperity
- Implementation of **Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), Green Claims Directive & Innovation Fund.**



Apostolos Tzitzikostas

Commissioner for Sustainable Transport and Tourism

Mobility and Transport (DG MOVE)

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Portfolio Essentials

Tzitzikostas' key role will be to make the European transport and tourism sectors more competitive, sustainable and future-proof.

Priorities for 2024-2029

Decarbonizing the EU's transport industry, promoting investment and boosting innovation through new policy initiatives, including:

- **Sustainable Transport Investment Plan** to boost the uptake of alternative fuels and charging infrastructure
- **Industrial Plan for the Automotive Sector** to address the challenges of the sector
- **Industrial Maritime strategy** for the EU's maritime manufacturing sector
- **European Ports Strategy** focusing on security and competitiveness
- **Single Digital Booking and Ticketing Regulation** to ensure the protection of passenger rights



Dan Jørgensen

Commissioner for Energy and Housing

Directorate-General for Energy (DG ENER)

Portfolio Essentials

Jørgensen's key role will be to lead the EU's climate efforts by driving policies and initiatives that achieve a carbon-neutral, sustainable, and energy-efficient transition under the Green Deal.

Priorities for 2024-2029

- Add energy dimension to the **Clean Industrial Deal** including an **Action Plan for Affordable Energy Prices** to bring down energy prices for business
- Boost renewables and energy storage
- **Electrification Action Plan** to ensure industrial transition powered by clean energy
- Propose a **Clean Energy Investment Strategy** to prioritize investment in clean energy infrastructure, including grids, storage and transport infrastructure, cross-border energy infrastructure, energy efficiency measures, and the deployment of a hydrogen network.
- **Roadmap for digitalization and AI** in the energy sector

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