

BARROSO II

THE POLICY COMMITMENTS OF THE 2010-2014 EUROPEAN COMMISSION



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The 2010-2014 European Commission is the first College to take office under the Lisbon Treaty.

Apart from the President, José Manuel Barroso, 13 commissioners sat in the previous College - although only seven were part of the initial team. Each returning member is responsible for a different portfolio from the one held in the previous College. Barroso II includes nine women – the highest ever proportion of female commissioners. The Commission leans to the centre-right: although three of the seven vice-presidents come from member parties of the Party of European Socialists, there are only six Socialists in total. There are eight Liberals (including two vice-presidents) and thirteen commissioners from the centre-right European People's Party (EPP), including the President.

The European Parliament elected Mr Barroso to the presidency with a resounding mandate (more than half of all MEPs supporting his candidacy). It rejected just one commissioner-designate in its scrutiny of the College, and the approval process was generally smoother than in 2004, when two nominees were forced to withdraw and changes made to portfolios. However, final approval of the College (supported by the EPP, Socialists and Liberals) came only after Mr Barroso made a public commitment to strengthen parliamentary scrutiny and set clear deadlines to respond to legislative initiative requests made by the Parliament (three months to respond to an own-initiative Regulation by the Parliament and one year for the submission of a proposal to MEPs).

This poster outlines the main policy commitments made by the new commissioners during their hearings before Parliament in early 2010. In some cases, the pledges are few in number and vague; indeed, some senior parliamentarians complained about the unwillingness of many nominees to explain their vision and make concrete promises for action. Nevertheless, the commissioners did make a number of clear commitments – and with this chart Burson-Marsteller gives you the opportunity to evaluate their progress in matching their words with deeds throughout the term of the Barroso II Commission.

<p>José Manuel Barroso President of the European Commission Portugal</p> <p>Since 2004: President of the European Commission 2002-2004: Prime Minister 1999-2004: Leader of the Social Democratic Party 1994-1999: Minister of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>Commitments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Help member states with serious budgetary constraints get back on the road to recoveryPersuade member states to adopt coordinated "EU2020" approach to sustainable growthPromote EU Digital Agenda and digital single market as pillars of European competitivenessRe-shape EU budgetRe-focus research and issue a new innovation strategy focused on intellectual property rights and "lead markets" conceptRevise financial services legislation, including robust system of European supervisionReduce administrative burdens on business by 25% by 2012Support SMEs through reviews of late payments, private company statute and public procurement rulesDevelop a "quality framework" for services of general interestCommence work on an EU Women's CharterPropose a Regulation to resolve problems with the Posted Workers Directive	<p>Catherine Ashton VP - External Relations; High Representative United Kingdom</p> <p>2008-2009: Commissioner for Trade 2007-2008: Leader of the House of Lords 2004-2007: Minister in the Department for Constitutional Affairs (subsequently Ministry of Justice) 2001-2003: Minister in the Department for Education and Skills</p> <p>Commitments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Top priority: establishing the European External Action Service (EEAS)Ensure parliamentary oversight of the EEAS budget (including establishment of the budget, scrutiny and discharge)Immediate priorities by country/region: Pakistan, Afghanistan, Yemen, Middle East, Iran, EU neighbourhood policyImmediate priorities by issue: non-proliferation, counter-terrorism, human rights, energy security and climate changeDevelop closer transatlantic relationsEstablish effective partnerships with US, Russia and China	<p>Viviane Reding VP - Justice, Fundamental Rights & Citizenship Luxembourg</p> <p>2004-2010: Commissioner for the Information Society & Media 1999-2004: Commissioner for Education & Culture 1989-1999: Member of the European Parliament 1979-1989: Member of the Luxembourg Parliament</p> <p>Commitments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mainstream fundamental rights, including swift accession to European Convention on Human RightsSubmit an action plan to deliver the Stockholm Programme on police and customs cooperation, including migration and visa policyMake progress on a European contract law in order to facilitate cross-border transactionsPush for approval of proposal on applicable law in matrimonial matters (Rome III) to remove legal uncertainties for children and their parentsModernise data protection law and merge existing rules into a single legal instrumentGive priority to tackling gender pay gap and combating violence in upcoming Equality StrategyRapidly propose a new disability strategyTake account of national legal systems and fundamental rights in impact assessmentsCreate a single portal for EU law	<p>Joaquín Almunia VP - Competition Spain</p> <p>2004-2010: Commissioner for Economic & Monetary Affairs 1979-2004: Member of the Spanish Parliament 1997-2000: Leader of the Spanish Socialist Party (PSO3) 1983-1997: Minister for Public Administration & Employment</p> <p>Commitments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Continue to support the current policy of high finesKeep up the fight against cartels and abuses of market powerContinue to apply the merger control rulesReview and modernise state aid proceduresEnsure bail-out banks pay back state aid by end of 2010Oppose bonus payments in companies receiving state aidWork to guarantee the provision of high-quality services of general economic interest, with affordable accessGive the European Parliament a role in damages action plan, and cooperate on new initiatives and individual cases (subject to confidentiality constraints)Explore the issue of collective redress and make a proposal based on ordinary legislative procedure, while aiming to avoid excessive litigationWork to ensure coherent policy in economic and monetary affairs, financial markets and competitionSupport better dialogue with citizens about competition policy	<p>Siim Kallas VP - Transport Estonia</p> <p>2004-2010: Vice-President of the Commission; Commissioner for Administration, Audit & Anti-Fraud 1999-1999 & 2003-2004: Member of Estonian Parliament 2002-2003: Prime Minister 1999-2002: Minister of Finance 1991-1999: President of the Bank of Estonia</p> <p>Commitments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Deliver the means to de-carbonise transport, give priority to the Single European Sky as a contribution to reducing CO2 emissionsContinue to be an important voice in the Commission on state aid guidelinesRegulate the transport market to enforce safety and security standards, protect passenger rights, encourage green vehicles and develop higher safety standardsAccelerate the introduction of Intelligent Transport SystemsPromote investment into infrastructure and Trans-European Networks, including through new instruments such as a European Infrastructure Investments FundPropose a common code for passenger rightsSupport common EU rules on body scannersSupport the Parliament's objective of increasing investment in railways, as well as improving interoperability, and promote the integration of rail booking systemsUse the provisions of the Lisbon Treaty to look at cross-border enforcement of motoring offences	<p>Neelie Kroes VP - Digital Agenda The Netherlands</p> <p>2004-2010: Commissioner for Competition 2000-2004: Advisor to / board member of several national and international companies 1991-1999: President, Nyenrode University 1989-1991: Advisor to the Commissioner for Transport, Karel Van Miert 1982-1989: Minister for Transport, Public Works & Telecommunications</p> <p>Commitments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Create the conditions for a European digital economy to flourish ("Digital Agenda")Make the online single market a realityGive all Europeans access to broadband "anytime, anywhere" by 2013Ensure that citizens are equipped for the digital economy with e-skillsWork for a safer internet and secure networks that are reliable, open and neutralFacilitate the "digitalisation" of Europe's cultural heritage and fight against illegal use of contentBetter target support for ICT research and innovationDevelop ICT standards, focusing on open standards and interoperabilityClosely monitor implementation of the telecoms package
<p>Antonio Tajani VP - Industry & Entrepreneurship Italy</p> <p>2008-2010: Vice-President of the Commission; Commissioner for Transport 1994-2008: Member of European Parliament</p> <p>Commitments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">By autumn 2010: introduce a new EU industrial policy to promote a low carbon, knowledge-based economy as the heart of the "EU2020" strategyPresent a European Innovation Act by summer 2010Revise the pharmaceutical Transparency Directive and the Tractors Directive, and update the Toy Safety DirectiveMainstream "Think Small First" and create an SME test as an integral part of all impact assessmentsImprove raw material use in industrial processes and review resource productivity measurementsSupport innovation, including its promotion in the public sector and improved framework conditionsStrengthen CSR policy, including through the creation of a pharmaceuticals and CSR reflection groupImprove REACH: issue guidance in all official languages, set up a working group on same substance applications, examine burdens on SMEs, and avoid amendments until 2012 revisionStrengthen the CE mark as an instrument to promote exportsAssess use and application of nanotechnologies	<p>Maroš Šefčovič VP - Inter-institutional Relations & Administration Slovakia</p> <p>2009-2010: Commissioner for Education, Training, Culture & Youth 2004-2008: Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the European Union 1998-2003: Ambassador to Israel 1990-1998 & 2002-2004: Slovakian diplomatic service, including Director General for European Affairs (2002-2004)</p> <p>Commitments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Revise the Framework Agreement to reflect reinforcement of the Parliament's powers under the Lisbon TreatyRapidly propose revision to the 1993 Comitology DecisionDuring spring 2010, propose a Regulation to implement the Citizens' InitiativeReinforce the Commission's human resources policy, particularly with respect to the setting up of the European External Action ServiceMotivate national parliaments to take advantage of the subsidiarity check introduced by the Lisbon TreatyWork with European Parliament to set up a joint register of interest representatives	<p>Janez Potočnik Environment Slovenia</p> <p>2004-2010: Commissioner for Science & Research 2002-2004: Minister for European Affairs 1998-2004: Head of negotiating team for Slovenian accession to the EU 2001-2002: Minister, cabinet of the Prime Minister, Janez Drnovsek</p> <p>Commitments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Promote a green economy:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Commitment to resource efficiency and green economyAction plans for eco-innovation and environmental technologiesPush forward with next phase of the Sustainable Consumption and Production Action PlanWillingness to prepare 7th Environment Action ProgrammeHalt the loss of biodiversity:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Enhancing the importance and value of soil, water, land use and forestryLink between biodiversity and climate change mitigation: close collaboration with the Commissioner for Climate ActionImplement and improve existing environmental legislation in the following areas:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Air, water, waste, chemicals (REACH), biodiversity	<p>Olli Rehn Economic & Monetary Affairs Finland</p> <p>2004-2010: Commissioner for Enlargement 2003-2004: Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister</p> <p>Commitments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Move towards unified EU representation in international financial foraStrengthen the Stability and Growth PactStrengthen economic coordination between member statesStrengthen Eurostat's data collection to help member states achieve their "EU2020" goalsCo-author Green paper on the sustainability of pension systems	<p>Andris Piebalgs Development Latvia</p> <p>2004-2010: Commissioner for Energy 2003-2004: Deputy Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs 1998-2003: Ambassador to the European Union 1999-1999: Minister of Finance 1990-1999: Minister of Education</p> <p>Commitments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Work with member states to deliver on commitments to achieve Millennium Development Goals by 2015Seek that member states keep their promises on Official Development Assistance (ODA) budgetsEnsure that the financing provided to combat climate change will be provided in addition to existing ODA budgetsStrive to establish a European approach to member states' development policies so as to increase effectiveness and coherenceWork with partner countries to make sustainable development a realityFollow EU reforms in fisheries policy so that it does not endanger development policyProvide more, faster and better aid to alleviate poverty, not simply manage poverty	<p>Michel Barnier Internal Market & Services France</p> <p>2009-2010: Member of the European Parliament 2007-2009: Minister for Agriculture & Fisheries 2000-2009: Minister for Foreign Affairs 1999-2004: Commissioner for Regional Policy 1995-1999: Minister for Foreign Affairs</p> <p>Commitments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Strengthen faith in the internal market, notably by reinforcing the e-commerce framework and overseeing full implementation of the Services DirectiveIntroduce qualifications on intellectual property, professional qualifications and public procurementPromote creation and innovation by further adapting copyright to the digital world, forging a European patent agreement, and taking robust action against counterfeitingPut citizens at the heart of internal market, notably by guaranteeing access to quality public servicesHelp achieve greener, sustainable and fairer growth by making full use of "better regulation" policy and social and environmental impact assessmentsPut transparency, responsibility and ethics at the heart of the financial system through new rules covering derivatives and short-selling, and through amendments to existing Directives (such as those on capital adequacy, MiFID, the Single Euro Payments Area and market abuse)Ensure that the cumulative impact of post-crisis legislation is taken into account
<p>Androulla Vassiliou Education, Culture, Multilingualism & Youth Cyprus</p> <p>2008-2010: Commissioner for Health 2001-2006: Vice-President of the ELDR Party 2001-2003: Alternate Representative to the European Convention 1996-2006: Member of the Cypriot House of Representatives</p> <p>Commitments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Education and training:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Seek to promote quality, mobility and employability in educationModernise approach to education and training and ensure open access for allCulture and media:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Boost creativity and innovation – including the submission of a Green Paper on creative industriesPromote cultural diversity, including linguistic diversitySubmit a legislative proposal for a European Heritage LabelSport:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ensure fair competitionFight against dopingPromote the educational and social functions of sport	<p>Algirdas Šemeta Taxation & Customs Union, Audit & Anti-Fraud Lithuania</p> <p>2009-2010: Commissioner for Financial Programming & Budget 1997-1999 & 2008-2009: Minister of Finance 2001-2008: Director General, Department of Statistics 1999-2001: Government Secretary</p> <p>Commitments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Primary goal: achieve positive statement of assurance on EU expenditure from Court of AuditorsFight tax and customs fraud and evasionPromote green taxation framework and revise Energy Taxation DirectiveMaximise effectiveness of OIAF through reform, including submission within first few months of a working document on reform of the legal basis, and improved dialogue with ParliamentPrepare strategic framework for customs up to 2020, including implementation of modernised customs code and e-customs, and review of IPF customs enforcement legislationFinalise work on Common Consolidated Corporate Tax BasePut forward a communication in 2010 on initiatives to resolve tax issues in cross-border situationsOrganise a high-level forum of member state experts on the future of taxation systemsImplement EU anti-counterfeiting Action Plan 2009-2012	<p>Karel De Gucht Trade Belgium</p> <p>2009-2010: Commissioner for Development & Humanitarian Aid 2004-2009: Minister of Foreign & European Affairs (since 2007, also International Trade) 2003-2009: Member of Belgian Parliament 1980-1994: Member of the European Parliament</p> <p>Commitments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ensure that the European Parliament's role and responsibilities are fully respected, in particular in the area of trade defenceContribute to preserving and strengthening the multilateral trading system and conclude the Doha Development Agenda negotiationsComplement the multilateral system by strengthening key bilateral and regional relationshipsReinforce cooperation with other global economies, including ChinaBring Economic Partnership Agreements to a successful conclusionEnsure trade policy becomes an integral part of the Commission's "EU2020" vision, serving broader policy goals such as European industrial competitiveness and promoting European values	<p>John Dalli Health & Consumer Policy Malta</p> <p>2008-2010: Minister for Social Policy (including health) 2004-2008: Minister of Foreign Affairs 1992-1996 & 1998-2004: Minister of Finance 1987-2010: Member of Maltese Parliament</p> <p>Commitments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Act as 'Guardian of the consumer' in the College of CommissionersFocus on health determinants rather than specific diseasesPublish a single market report on food from cloned animals within 12 monthsRevise the animal welfare action planConduct a 'reassessment' of the proposal on information to patientsPush to restart Council discussions and promote compromise on the proposal on cross-border healthcareCommission an impact assessment on emission performance standards for power plantsMonitor Effort Sharing Decision on greenhouse gas emissionsDraft proposal on nitrogen oxide emissions from aircraftPut forward proposals on climate change in the maritime sector if no international agreement by 2011Review the Regulation concerning the reduction of CO2 emissions from cars	<p>Máire Geoghegan-Quinn Research, Innovation & Science Ireland</p> <p>2000-2009: Member of the European Court of Auditors 1994-1997: Member of Irish Parliament 1993-1994: Minister for Justice 1992: Minister for Tourism, Transport & Communications 1991-1993: Member of Irish Parliament 1987-1991: Minister for European Affairs</p> <p>Commitments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ensure EU meets 3% target for R&D as share of GDPConduct mid-term evaluation to adapt, refocus and streamline FP7 in order to improve efficiency and facilitate SME accessDeliver a single market for innovation that translates innovation into jobsWork with colleagues to deliver a European patentComplete European Research Area, ensuring mobility of researchers and knowledge: the "fifth freedom"Address disconnect between science and society	<p>Janusz Lewandowski Financial Programming & Budget Poland</p> <p>2004-2009: Member of the European Parliament 1997-2001 & 2001-2004: Member of Polish Parliament 1992-1993 & 1991: Minister of Solidarity 1980-1989: Economics adviser to Solidarność</p> <p>Commitments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Negotiate the EU's next multiannual financial framework (2014-2020)Align the Budget towards the changes made by the Lisbon Treaty as well as the "EU2020" strategyReinforce budgetary controlSimplify the Financial Regulation to better meet citizens' needsSeek more flexibility in the future financial framework to allow the EU to react to unforeseen eventsSupport funding for the development of new technologiesPromote fast-track measures to set up the European External Action Service, including parliamentary scrutinyExplore the potential of additional own resources
<p>Maria Damanaki Maritime Affairs & Fisheries Greece</p> <p>2009-2010: Chair, Greek Parliament Select Committee on Foreign Affairs & Defence 2004-2009, 2010-2003 & 1997-1999: Member of Greek Parliament 1991-1993: President of the Coalition of Left and Progress 1986-1990: Vice-President of the Greek Parliament</p> <p>Commitments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Reform the Common European Fisheries policy to reflect sustainability (environmental, economical and social), democratic responsibility, the global dimension and complianceCreate an integrated maritime policy focusing on:<ul style="list-style-type: none">opportunities for 'blue growth'the creation of jobsimprovements in safety and security for consumers through surveillance and better labellingan increase in research and development in the maritime sectorInvolve regions and local stakeholders more extensively in the implementation and enforcement of the EU's fisheries policy	<p>Günther Oettinger Energy Germany</p> <p>2005-2010: Prime Minister of the State of Baden-Württemberg 1984-2010: Member of the State Parliament of Baden-Württemberg 2005-2009: Chairman of CDU party, Baden-Württemberg</p> <p>Commitments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Assess the Energy Efficiency Action Plan and present a new plan in 2011 (possibly including a legally-binding 20% objective)Present a report on the impact of biofuels on agriculture and food Foster links between the internal and external dimensions of energy policy"Europeans" energy policy to introduce greater competitiveness, security of supply and sustainabilityPromote the "decarbonisation" of Europe's energy suppliesInvest in Europe's energy infrastructure, including smart gridsEnsure full implementation and correct transposition of the third energy package to create a single market for energy, and unbundlingEnforce the principle of solidarity in energy policyConsider mandatory supply of basic energy to avoid energy poverty, preferably using market-based solutionsDevelop safety rules, of the highest standard, on nuclear energy and waste management	<p>Johannes Hahn Regional Policy Austria</p> <p>2007-2010: Federal Minister for Science & Research 2008-2009: Acting Federal Minister for Justice 2003-2007: Member of the Regional Government of Vienna 1996-2002: Member of Regional Parliament of Vienna</p> <p>Commitments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Prepare the post-2013 cohesion policy for the regions of EuropeFocus on urban areas and the outermost regionsPrepare an EU strategy for the Danube regionHelp member states and regions successfully exit from the crisisPresent a strategic report on cohesion policy's role in achieving EU competitiveness objectivesIncrease transparency and improve control in cohesion policy, including minimum standards on publication of the list of final beneficiaries of structural fundsDraft revision of the EU Solidarity Fund RegulationPromote closer involvement for civil society	<p>Connie Hedegaard Climate Action Denmark</p> <p>2007-2009: Minister for Climate & Energy 1984-1990 & 2005-2009: Member of Danish Parliament 2004-2007: Minister for Nordic Cooperation 2005-2007: Minister for the Environment 1990-2004: Journalist (print, radio and television)</p> <p>Commitments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Strengthen competitiveness and create jobs through low-carbon innovationMainstream climate change in all policy areas, including agriculture and transportImplement the post-2012 COP-15 agreementImplement the third phase of the EU ETS and link it to other OECD systemsFrom 2013, achieve full auctioning of ETS allowances in the power sectorCommission an impact assessment on emission performance standards for power plantsMonitor Effort Sharing Decision on greenhouse gas emissionsDraft proposal on nitrogen oxide emissions from aircraftPut forward proposals on climate change in the maritime sector if no international agreement by 2011Review the Regulation concerning the reduction of CO2 emissions from cars	<p>Stefan Füle Enlargement & Neighbourhood Policy Czech Republic</p> <p>2005-2009: Permanent Representative to NATO 2003-2005: Ambassador to the UK 1998-2001: Ambassador to Lithuania 1995-1998: Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>Commitments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Use all available instruments to advance enlargement and neighbourhood policies, including making the enlargement process more "political"Coordinate with the High Representative in order to ensure a united voiceEnsure that human rights and fundamental freedoms are core values in the EU's approach to enlargement and neighbourhood policyPursue existing enlargement policy with Croatia and Turkey; open negotiations with FYR MacedoniaEnhance the effectiveness of neighbourhood policy by negotiating Association and/or Free Trade Agreements with Eastern Partnership countriesStrengthen ties with applicant countries, including Montenegro, Albania and Serbia, as well as with KosovoTreat each country on merit: no shortcuts to membershipWork closely with the Commissioner for Trade to negotiate more comprehensive trade agreements, and with the Commissioner for Home Affairs on visa regimes	<p>László Andor Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion Hungary</p> <p>2005-2009: Board member, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) 2002-2005: Member, Budapest Committee for European Integration and Foreign Affairs 2003-2005: Senior advisor to the Hungarian Prime Minister</p> <p>Commitments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Launch Communication on future EU cooperation in the area of vocational training (Copenhagen process) in spring 2010Implement the "EU2020" strategy, with the aim of addressing both the immediate challenges posed by the economic crisis and the longer-term consolidation of EU social modelsPromote worker mobilityBoost the "New Skills for New Jobs" agenda, flexibility and life-long learningReview labour legislation on the basis of social impact assessments and social partners' viewsEnsure effective implementation of Posted Workers DirectiveAccelerate work on health and safety by means of a new action programme; bring forward proposals on musculo-skeletal disorders soon and examine tobacco smoke-related risks in the workplaceReview proposal for the Working Time Directive and promote agreement among social partnersSupport social economy as means of supporting SMEs and helping vulnerable groups to integrate into the labour market
<p>Cecilia Malmström Home Affairs Sweden</p> <p>2006-2010: Minister for European Affairs 1999-2006: Member of European Parliament</p> <p>Commitments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Develop a common policy for immigration and asylumProtect rights of legal immigrantsEnsure solidarity and respect for fundamental rightsStrengthen efforts at stronger cooperation with third countries, notably on readmission, and reduce incentives for immigrationStrengthen law enforcement cooperationImplement the Stockholm ProgrammeSubmit legislative proposals on inter-company transferees and seasonal workers	<p>Kristalina Georgieva International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid & Crisis Response Bulgaria</p> <p>2008-2010: Vice-President and Corporate Secretary, World Bank 2007-2008: Director of Strategy and Operations, Sustainable Development, World Bank 2005-2007: Director and Resident Representative of the World Bank to Russia 2000-2004: Director of Environment Department, World Bank</p> <p>Commitments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Enhance cohesion and coordination of EU external aid by working closely with the High Representative and the Commissioner for DevelopmentMaintain direct payments to farmers, but review the criteria for distribution of this aid in order to ensure that it is more balancedCreate new regulatory mechanisms to correct market failingsEnsure that rural development policy helps to modernise farms, encourage innovation and make agriculture sustainable, and that it is adapted to the challenge of climate changeReplace milk quotas with a mechanism better suited to dealing with fluctuating demandResist further concessions on agriculture in the WTO's Doha trade roundWork with DG Research and DG Sanco to better inform citizens about GMOs	<p>Dacian Cioloș Agriculture & Rural Development Romania</p> <p>2007-2008: Minister for Agriculture 2007: Undersecretary of State for European Affairs 2005-2007: Advisor to Minister for Agriculture 2000-2003: Member of the European Commission delegation to Romania</p> <p>Commitments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ensure food security and offer farmers a decent revenueReform the CAP post-2013 while ensuring that it remains strong and well-fundedMaintain direct payments to farmers, but review the criteria for distribution of this aid in order to ensure that it is more balancedCreate new regulatory mechanisms to correct market failingsEnsure that rural development policy helps to modernise farms, encourage innovation and make agriculture sustainable, and that it is adapted to the challenge of climate changeReplace milk quotas with a mechanism better suited to dealing with fluctuating demandResist further concessions on agriculture in the WTO's Doha trade roundWork with DG Research and DG Sanco to better inform citizens about GMOs	<p>EPP: European People's Party</p>	<p>PES: Party of European Socialist</p>	<p>ELDR: European Liberal Democrat and Reform Party</p>

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