

EUROPEAN BACKGROUND INFORMATION SUMMARY

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BACKGROUND NOTE

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THE NEW EUROPEAN COMMISSION

The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Community have, by common agreement, appointed the following as members of the Commission of the European Communities for the period from January 6, 1977, to January 5, 1981.

Roy Harris JENKINS
President

Claude CHEYSSON
Commissioner

Francois-Xavier ORTOLI
Vice President

Guido BRUNNER
Commissioner

Wilhelm HAFERKAMP
Vice President

Raymond VOUEL
Commissioner

Finn Olav GUNDELACH
Vice President

Antonio GIOLITTI
Commissioner

Lorenzo NATALI
Vice President

Richard BURKE
Commissioner

Henk VREDELING
Vice President

Etienne DAVIGNON
Commissioner

Christopher Samuel TUGENDHAT
Commissioner

Guido BRUNNER

Commissioner responsible for Energy and for Research, Science, and Education

born May 27, 1930, in Madrid

- 1949 - 1954 studied law at the Universities of Munich, Heidelberg, and Madrid
- 1955 became Dr. jur. of the University of Munich
- 1955 joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Bonn
- 1957 Consular Attache in Liverpool and Embassy Attache in Madrid
- 1958 final consular and diplomatic examination, Embassy Secretary
- 1958 - 1960 Office of State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Bonn
- 1960 Embassy Counsellor
- 1960 - 1967 Observer for the Federal Republic of Germany at the United Nations in New York - Counsellor, Grade I
- 1968 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Political Department, Scientific and Technological Relations Section, Counsellor responsible for preparing briefs
- 1970 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Head of Press Section, Counsellor responsible for preparing briefs, Grade I
- 1972 Head of Planning Department
- 1972 appointment as Deputy Head of Section of Ministerial Department
- 1972 - 1973 leader of delegation of Federal Republic of Germany at the multi-lateral preparations for the CSCE in Helsinki
- 1973 leader of German delegation at 2nd stage of Geneva Conference
- 1974 appointment as Head of Section of Ministerial Department
- 1974 - 1976 Member of the Commission of the European Communities

Richard BURKE

Commissioner responsible for Taxation, Consumer Affairs, Transport, Relations
with the European Parliament

born March 29, 1932, in New York

secondary education at Upperchurch (Nova Scotia), Christian Brothers, Thurles
and Dublin

Master of Arts and Higher Diploma in Education, University College, Dublin

secondary teacher

read law at Kings Inns, Dublin; Barrister at law, 1973

elected to Dail Eireann in 1969 and 1973 for South County Dublin

Fine Gael Chief Whip from 1969 to 1972 and Spokesman on Posts and Telegraphs
from 1972 to 1973

member of the following Dail Committees from 1969 to 1973: Procedure and
Privileges; Selection; Dail Reform; Public Accounts; John F. Kennedy Memorial
Hall

Minister for Education since March 14, 1973

Claude CHEYSSON
Commissioner responsible for Development

born April 13, 1920

studied at the Ecole Polytechnique and the Ecole Normale Superieure

1947 - 1948 studied at the Ecole Nationale d'Administration

1948 Administrator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1949 Chief Liaison Officer to the Federal German authorities in Bonn

1952 Advisor to the President of the Government of Vietnam

1952 Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Grade 1

June 1954 - Deputy Chef de cabinet and the Chef de cabinet to P. MENDES-
January 1955 FRANCE

1956 Technical Advisor to the Cabinet of A. SAVARY 1st Secretary
in London

1956 Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Grade 2

1957 - 1962 Secretary-General of the Commission for Technical Co-operation
in Africa

1958 Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Grade 1

1962 - 1965 Director-General of the Technical Organization for the Exploita-
tion of Mineral Resources in the Sahara

1966 Director-General of the Industrial Co-operation Organization
Minister plenipotentiary, Grade 1

1966 - 1970 Ambassador to Indonesia

1970 Chairman of the Board of "Entreprise miniere et chimique"

1972 - 1976 Member of the Commission of the European Communities

Officer of the Legion d'Honneur Croix de guerre 1939 - 1945 et des T. O. E.

Etienne DAVIGNON (Viscount)

Commissioner responsible for Internal Market and for Industrial Affairs

born October 4, 1932, in Budapest, Hungary

Doctor of Law

1961 Cabinet Attache (Belgian Government)

1963 Deputy Chef de Cabinet

1964 Chef de Cabinet to Mr. Spaak and then to Mr. Harmel

Director-General for Policy since November 15, 1969

appointed Chairman of the Governing Board of the International Energy Agency
on November 18, 1974

Antonio GIOLITTI

Commissioner responsible for the Coordination of Community Funds and for
Regional Policy

born February 12, 1915, in Rome

Graduate in law

elected as a PCI (Communist Party) member of the Assemblea Costituente
(Constituent Assembly)

Under-Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the first Republican
Government. Left the PCI in 1957, since when he has been an active member of
the PSI (Socialist Party); has been a member of the party's Central Committee
since 1958 and of the party leadership since 1964.

between 1972 and 1973 was in charge of the Economic Committee

has several times chaired the Parliamentary Committee on Industry and the
Parliamentary Socialist Group

was Minister for the Budget and Economic Planning in the 1964, 1970 - 72
and 1973 - 74 Center-Left Governments

in 1974 represented the Italian Government at the IVth Special Session of
the United Nations General Assembly

in 1974 was President of the OECD Council of Ministers

publications: Il comunismo in Europa 1960
 Riforme e Rivoluzione 1975
 Un socialismo possibile 1975
 founded and directed the monthly review "Passato e Presente"
 between 1957 and 1960

gave a series of lectures in the United Kingdom in 1973 and 1975 and in the
United States in 1976

Finn Olav GUNDELACH

Commission Vice President responsible for Agriculture and Fisheries

- 1946 - 1947 President of the Students' Union at Aarhus University
- 1947 - 1949 Vice President of the Danish National Union of Students
- January 1951 university degree (economics) at Aarhus
- 1951 - 1955 Ministry of Foreign Affairs (responsible for matters relating to NATO and OECD)
- 1955 - 1959 Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations in Geneva
- 1959 - 1961 Director of GATT, responsible for commercial policy in Geneva
- 1961 Sub-Director-General of GATT
- 1962 - 1967 Deputy Director-General of GATT (Kennedy Round)
- 1967 - 1972 Ambassador, Head of the Mission of Denmark to the European Communities (negotiations for the accession of Denmark, information program prior to the Danish referendum)
- 1972 - 1976 Member of the Commission of the European Communities

Wilhelm HAFERKAMP

Commission Vice President responsible for External Relations

born July 1, 1923, in Duisburg

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| 1942 | school-leaving certificate (Abitur) |
| 1942 - 1946 | military service and hospital |
| 1946 - 1949 | studied economic and social sciences at Cologne University;
degree in economics |
| 1950 | Head of the Social Policy Department at the Regional Center
of the Confederation of German Trade Unions in Nordrhein-
Westfalen |
| 1953 - 1957 | Member of the Administration Executive at the Regional Center of
the Confederation of German Trade Unions in Nordrhein-Westfalen |
| 1957 - 1963 | President of the Regional Center of the Confederation of German
Trade Unions in Nordrhein-Westfalen |
| 1963 - 1965 | Member of the Consultative Committee of the ECSC High Authority |
| 1962 - 1967 | Member of the Federal Executive of the Confederation of German
Trade Unions; Head of the Economic Party Department |
| July 1967 | Member of the Commission of the European Communities |
| since 1970 | Vice President of the Commission fo the European Communities |

Rt. Hon. Roy Harris JENKINS

President of the Commission and also responsible for the Secretariat General,
the Legal Service, Information, and The Spokesman's Group

born November 11, 1920

Privy Councillor (1964)

Abersychan Grammar School; Balliol College, Oxford, (Hon. Fellow 1969)
Secretary and Librarian, Oxford Union Society; Chairman, Oxford University
Democratic Socialist Club

1941	First Class in Honours School of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics
1942 - 1946	Royal Artillery, Captain
1946 - 1948	Member of Staff of Industrial and Commercial Finance Corp. Ltd.
1948 - 1950	MP (Labour) for Central Southwark
1949 - 1950	Parliamentary Private Secretary to Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations
1950 - 1976	MP for Stechford Division of Birmingham
1949 - 1961	Member of Executive Committee of Fabian Society (Chairman 1957/58)
1955 - 1958	Governor, British Film Institute
1956 - 1960	Member of Committee of Management, Society of Authors
1962 - 1964	Director of Financial Operations, John Lewis Partnership
1964 - 1965	Minister of Aviation
1965 - 1967	Home Secretary
1967 - 1970	Chancellor of the Exchequer
1970 - 1972	Deputy Leader, Labour Party
1974 - 1976	Home Secretary
	United Kingdom Delegate to Council of Europe 1955 - 1957
	President of United Kingdom Council of the European Movement, and of Labour Committee for Europe

Hon. Foreign Member, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 1973

Hon. Fellow, Berkeley College, Yale 1972

Hon. Doctorates from: Leeds 1971, Harvard 1972, Glasgow 1972,
Pennsylvania 1973, Dundee 1973, Oxford 1973, Loughborough 1975

Charlemagne Prize and Robert Schuman Prize 1972

Numerous publications on political and biographical respects, including:

Mr. Atlee: An Interim Biography, 1948

Pursuit of Progress, 1953

The Labour Case, 1959

Asquith, 1964

Essays and Speeches, 1967

Afternoon on the Potomac, 1972

Nine Men of Power, 1975

Lorenzo NATALI

Commission Vice President with special responsibilities for Enlargement Questions, Protection of the Environment, Nuclear Safety Questions, Contacts with Member Governments and Public Opinion on Preparation for Direct Elections to the European Parliament

born October 2, 1922, in Florence

Lawyer

volunteer in the Italian liberation corps in 1944

decorated for bravery in the field; wounded in action

for seven consecutive terms of office was returned to the Italian Parliament as representative for the Abruzzi Constituency

initially Under-Secretary to the Prime Minister and Under-Secretary at the Ministry of Finance and the Treasury

later, as Minister for the Merchant Navy, introduced laws to promote shipyard production and shipping credit

Minister for Tourism and Entertainment and subsequently Minister for Public Works, he put forward various legislative schemes for town planning and the construction of moderate-rent housing.

As Minister for Agriculture he introduced laws aimed at combating atmospheric disasters, and laws on regional agricultural financing. Has undertaken official missions to various European and Latin American countries in connection with food supplies.

As Minister for Agriculture has been very active in the Council of Ministers of the European Communities in connection with the enlargement of the Communities, the drafting of the policy for the reform of agricultural structures, introduction of the regional policy and the preparation of the instruments now in operation in this sector.

a member of the Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Affairs and of the central leadership of the Christian Democrat Party

Francois-Xavier ORTOLI
Commission Vice President responsible for Economics and Finance, Credits,
and Investments, Statistical Office

born February 16, 1925, in Ajaccio, Corsica

Lycee Albert-Sarrout in Hanoi

Law Faculty in Indo-China: law degree

1947 student at the Ecole nationale d'administration

1948 Inspector of Finance

1951 Member of the Private Office of the Minister of Economic
Affairs, then of the Minister of Information

1952 French Government Agent attached to the Franco-Italian
Conciliation Commission

January 1953 Technical Advisor to the Private Office of the Minister of
Economic Affairs

1955 Assistant Director in the Private Office of the Minister of
Economic Affairs

1957 - 1958 Head of the Trade Policy Department at the State Secretariat
for Economic Affairs
Director-General of the Internal Market Directorate of the
European Economic Commission

May 1961 Secretary-General of the Inter-Ministerial Committee for
European Economic Co-operation

1962 Technical Advisor to the Private Office of the Prime Minister,
then Director of the Private Office of the Prime Minister in
December 1962

1963 Representative of the State on the Board of Directors of
the Havas Agency

1966 - 1967 General Commissioner for Planning

1967 Chairman of the Advisory Committee on the Production of
Electricity from Nuclear Sources

1967 - 1968 Minister of Supply and Housing

May/July 1968 Minister of Education

June/Aug 1968 U. D. R. deputy for the Nord constituency

July 1968 - June 1969 Minister of Economic Affairs and Finance
June 1969 - July 1972 Minister of Industrial and Scientific Development
1972 - 1976 President of the Commission of the European Communities

Chevalier de la Legion d'honneur, Medaille militaire, Commandeur de l'ordre national du Merite, Croix de guerre 1939 - 1945, Medaille de la Resistance

Christopher Samuel TUGENDHAT
Commissioner responsible for Budget and Financial Control, Financial
Institutions and Taxation, and Personnel and Administration

born February 23, 1937

Ampleforth College; Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge (President of
Union)

Financial Times leader and feature writer, 1960 - 1970

Member of Parliament (Conservative) City of London and Westminster South
since 1974 (Cities of London and Westminster, 1970 - 1974)

Director, Sunningdale Oils, 1971

Director, Phillips Petroleum International (UK) Ltd., 1972

Consultant to Wood Mackenzie & Co., Stockbrokers

publications: Oil: The Biggest Business, 1968

The Multinationals, 1971

(McKinsey Foundation Book Award, 1971)

Raymond VOUEL

Commissioner responsible for Competition

born 1923

Studied economics before beginning his political and professional career as a journalist on the socialist daily newspaper "Tageblatt", where he worked in particular on the international politics columns.

served as Administrative Director of Esch Hospital (1954 - 64), was elected as a Town Councillor in Esch in 1963 and became Chairman of the Commission des Batiments (Buildings Committee)

joined the Government in 1964, holding the posts of State Secretary for Public Health, for Employment, for Social Security and for the Mining Industry in Luxembourg

Re-elected as a Member of Parliament in 1969, he became Chairman of the Parliamentary Socialist Group (1970 - 74).

Re-elected as a Member of Parliament in 1974, he served in the Government as Vice President and Minister for Finance and Land Development.

Member of the Commission of the European Communities since July 1976.

Henk VREDELING

Commission Vice President responsible for Employment and Social Affairs,
and the Tripartite Conference

born November 20, 1924, in Amersfoort

education: secondary education, "modern" section; Agricultural College at
Wageningen

Member of Second Chamber (Partij van de Arbeid: labour party) since 1956;
also Member of European Parliament, Advisor to the Algemeen Nederlandse
Agrarische Bedrijfsbond (Netherlands General Agricultural Association)

Netherlands Defense Minister from 1973 - 1976