Movers and Shakers | 9 November 2015

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European Parliament:

Substitutes of the Committees, Subcommittees and the Delegations:

Clara Eugenia AGUILERA GARCÍA (S&D, ES) left the Committee on International Trade (INTA) and joined the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI).

Javi LÓPEZ (S&D, ES) left the Committee on Transport and Tourism (TRAN).

Jonás FERNÁNDEZ (S&D, ES) joined the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI).

Sergio GUTIÉRREZ PRIETO (S&D, ES) left the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) joined the Committee on International Trade (INTA).
Morten MESSERSCHMIDT (ECR, DK) left the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE).

Kosma ZŁOTOWSKI (ECR, PL) joined the Committee on Legal Affairs (JURI).

Anneli JÄÄTTEENMÄKI (ALDE, FI) joined the Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly (D-ACP).

Renate WEBER (ALDE, RO) joined the Delegation for relations with the United States (D-US).

José BOVÉ (Greens-EFA, FR) left the Committee on International Trade (INTA) and joined the Committee on Development (DEVE).

Judith SARGENTINI (Greens-EFA, NL) left the Committee on Development (DEVE) and joined the Committee on International Trade (INTA).

Political Groups:
ECR: Monica MACOVEI (RO), who recently defected from EPP to ECR, became a bureau member.

Political parties:
Ex-MEP Doris PACK (DE) elected President of EPP Women.

European Commission:

Cabinets:
Corina Crețu’s team: Mihaela Maria CIUCIUREANU is the new Deputy Head of Cabinet.

Christos Stylianides’s team: Philipos SAVVIDES joined as a new Member of Cabinet.

Directorate Generals:
Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (EMPL) (Reshuffle):

DG EMPL was reshuffled earlier this month. Following this development the Directorates have been renamed and the Directors were moved as follows:

Directorate A: Analysis, Evaluation, External Relations became Employment and Social Governance:
Director: Barbara KAUFFMAN (previously Director of Directorate F).

Directorate B: Employment and Social Legislation, Social Dialogue became Employment:
Director: Stefan OLSSON (previously Director of Directorate D).

Directorate C: Europe 2020: Employment Policies became Social Affairs:
Director: Georg FISCHER (in the past, Director of Directorate A).

Directorate D: Europe 2020: Social Policies became Labour Mobility:
Director: Jordi CURELL GOTOR (previously Director of Directorate B)

Directorate E: Social Market Economy in Member States I: ESF became Skills:
Director: **Detlef ECKERT** (previously Director of Directorate A and C).

Directorate F: Social Market Economy in Member States II: ESF became Investment:
Director: **Andriana SUKOVA-TOSHEVA** (previously Director of Directorate E).

Directorate G: Resources and Communication became Audit and Evaluation:
Director: **Francisco MERCHÁN CANTOS** (previously Director of Directorate H).

Directorate H: Audit, Controls became Resources, Planning and Communication:
Director: **Hélène CLARK** (previously Director of Directorate G).

Justice and Consumers (JUST): **Francisco FONSECA MORILLO** is the new acting Director-General.

Directorate A Civil Justice: **Jeroen HOOIJER** is the new acting Director.

Research and Innovation (RDT): Directorate B Innovation Union and European Research Area: **Kirsi HAAVISTO** became the new acting Head of Innovation Union Policy Unit, replacing **Peter DRÖLL**.

Directorate E Health: **Cornelius SCHMALTZ** became the new Head of Strategy Unit, replacing **Philippe CUPPERS**.

Translation (DGT): Directorate A Translation: **Paolo RIZZOTTO** became the new acting Head of Italian Language Department, replacing **Italo RUBINO**.

Legal Service (SJ): Teams: **Gerard BERSCHEID** became the new acting European Civil Service Law Principal Legal Adviser, replacing **Julian CURRALL**.

Spokesperson’s Service: Financial Services and Capital Markets Union: **Maud SCELO** left her position as Press Officer on 1 November to join the Task Force for Strategic Issues related to the UK Referendum in the Secretariat-General.

Secretariat-General: **Paraskevi MICHOU** and **Jean-Eric PAQUET** took up their roles as Deputy Secretaries-General on 1 November 2015.

Directorate B Institutional and Administrative Policies: **Paraskevi MICHOU** became the new acting Director, replacing **Marianne KLINGBEIL**.

**Committee of the Regions (CoR):**

*Members:*
Jacqueline KRAEGE (PES, DE) left her position.

*Alternates:*
Ilaria CAVO (EPP, IT), Manuela BORA (PES, IT), Vincenzo DE LUCA (PES, IT) and Michele EMILIANO (PES, IT) joined as new alternates.

**Peter KOFOD POULSEN** (ECR, DK) left his position.
European External Action Service (EEAS):

Pedro SERRANO took up his role as Deputy Secretary General for Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) and Crisis Response on 1 November 2015, replacing Maciej POPOWSKI.

European Investment Bank:

Board of Directors: Carlo MONTICELLI left his position as Director.

Public Affairs:

Association of Commercial Television in Europe: Grégoire POLAD succeeded Ross Biggam as Director-General.


European Confederation of Directors Associations (ecoDa): Turid Elisabeth SOLVANG elected Chair. Ms Solang, who is the first ever woman to occupy the role, succeeds Mr Lars-Erik FORSGÅRDH.

European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSOG): Vittorio MUSAZZI is leaving his position as General Manager after six years. A new General Manager will be appointed on 16 December along with a new Board.

European Telecommunications Network Operator’s Association (ETNO): Lise FUHR appointed as the new Director-General as from January 2016.

Facebook: Erika MANN will be stepping down as Managing Director of EU Affairs in Brussels, effective at the end of 2015. Ms MANN (DE) was an S&D MEP from 1994 to 2009. Thomas MYRUP KRISTENSEN, who currently holds the position of the Policy Director, Facebook Northern, Central, Eastern Europe & Russia, will move into the role in January 2016, but has already started a transition period.

Hewlett-Packard: On the 1 November 2015, Hewlett-Packard (HP) officially separated into two new industry-leading publicly traded Fortune 50 companies: one comprising HP’s market-leading enterprise technology infrastructure, software and services businesses, which will do business as Hewlett-Packard Enterprise, and one that will comprise HP’s market-leading personal systems and printing businesses, which will do business as HP Inc. Following the division, Irena BEDNARICH has been promoted to Director of Corporate Affairs for Continental Europe, Middle East and Africa.

News in a nutshell:

Member States:

Croatia: Croatians are heading to the polls on Sunday 8 November. The current three party coalition is led by Social Democratic Party (SDP) (S&D).

Finland: Prime Minister Juha SIPILÄ, Centre Party (ALDE) said on 5 November that his government is "very likely" to fall on Friday 6 November in a dispute over proposed health and social care reforms.
**Romania**: The Prime Minister Victor PONTA, PSD (S&D) resigned on 4 November amid huge protests in the wake of a nightclub fire. Minister of Education Sorin Mihai CîMPEANU, Alliance of Liberals and Democrats (ALDE) was appointed as interim Prime Minister. President Klaus IOHANNIS, Independent, is on consultation with the political parties before nominating a new Prime Minister. In the meantime, PNL is in favour of snap elections, while PSD is against.

**Portugal**: Left Bloc (GUEN/NGL) has concluded talks with the Socialists (S&D) to create an alternative government that could oust the new centre-right one, which is led by Pedro Passos COELHO, Social Democratic Party (EPP). However, they still need the support of the Communists to have a majority.

**Candidate countries:**

**Turkey**: The Justice and Development party (AKP) (AECR) of Ahmed DAVUTOĞLU secured a majority of seats in snap elections on 1 November. President Tayyip ERDOĞAN announced that a referendum on changing the constitution might be held to create an executive presidential system. The party however fell 13 seats short of the number of MPs required to call a referendum on the constitution. Prime Minister Ahmet DAVUTOĞLU will consult opposition leaders on getting their support to this reform.

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