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Denisa Fančová 415085

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Nomination of the Dutch Commissioner

Agotha, AWP <awp.agotha@minbuza.nl> 12. februára 2015, 17:00

Komu: "fdeniska@gmail.com" <fdeniska@gmail.com>

Kópia (Cc): COM-Liaison <COM-Liaison@minbuza.nl>, DIE <die@minbuza.nl>

Dear Ms. Fančová,

Thank you for your email. There is no constitutional or parliamentarian procedure specified for the nomination of the Dutch candidate for the Commission, it is indeed a political decision by the government. The process began during the formation of the current government back in 2012 since it was clear that the question would naturally come up. However, no agreements were made during that government formation, nor was anything ruled out. We have read in the press that a number of candidates were being considered, but the process really started end 2013 when the government started focusing on where it's interests lay and which people would potentially would be eligible. I cannot go into detail on all the criteria and the exact decision-making process, but you know the result of the appointment of the first Vice President of the Commission Mr. Timmermans, a decision that was finally taken around summer 2014.

Kind regards,

Tony Agotha
Hoofd DIE/IN
Directie Integratie Europa
Ministerie van Buitenlandse Zaken

1. Allerman, Cilia, e-mail message to Denisa Fančová, 10.2.2015, 11:14 CET *'Concerning the Nomination of the Danish Commissioner'* [osobná komunikácia]

Concerning the nomination of the Danish Commissioner

Postkasse til EU-Oplysningen <EUOPL@ft.dk> 10. februára 2015, 11:14

Komu: "fdeniska@gmail.com" <fdeniska@gmail.com>

Dear Denisa,

Thank you for your questions.

The process of nomination of the Danish candidate for the post of commissioner is not legally anchored in the Danish Constitution nor by law. It is the Danish government that recommends the Danish candidate which is also why there is no voting and therefore no official parliamentary approval.

The process of nomination –including when it began, which candidates went into consideration and the like- is confidential, which is also why I cannot answer those questions for you.

A possibility is for you to contact the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark and ask them whether they can shed some light on the process.

If you haven't already found out, I can tell you that it was announced on the 30th of August that the Danish Candidate was Margrethe Vestager.

Cilia Allermann Rasmussen
Studentermedarbejder
Folketingets EU-Oplysning

2. Bal, Nico, e-mail message to Denisa Fančová, 10.2.2015, 11:03 CET *'European Commissioners'* [osobná komunikácia

European Commissioners

CIP-intern <CIPintern@tweedekamer.nl> 10. februára 2015, 11:03

Komu: "fdeniska@gmail.com" <fdeniska@gmail.com>

Dear Denisa,

This is really a Government decision. The cabinet will discuss and decide on the candidate.

Sometimes there is a debate in the House (the last time with the appointment of Ms. Kroes there was a discussion on the procedure and the fact that it wasn't very democratic).

In 2014 the cabinet started the discussion on a new commissioner early september. At first there were two names; Mr. Timmermans and Mr. Dijsselbloem. There was a restriction for Mr. Dijsselbloem; the cabinet was willing to let him go, only if he would be appointed as the commissioner on Economic and Monetary Affairs.

It is an agreement that the biggest Government parties can name the candidates. Since the last Commissioner (Kroes) was VVD, the choise was now relativly easy for a PvdA candidate, the second largest Government party at the moment.

The final candidate was Mr. Timmermans.

There is no specific Dutch legislation on this process. The rules are given in the Treaty There is no Pariamentary appoval needed.

Kind regards,

Nico Bal

3. Chiti, Vannino, e-mail message to Denisa Fančová, 12.2.2015, 15:06 CET *'Risposta: Scelta commissari europei'* [osobná komunikácia]

Risposta: scelta commissari europei

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vannino.chiti@senato.it <vannino.chiti@senato.it> 12. februára 2015, 15:06

Komu: fdeniska@gmail.com

Gentile dottoressa,

in riferimento alla sua questione, Le posso dire che la nomina dei membri italiani nelle istituzioni dell'Unione euroopea è regolata dall'articolo 17 della legge 24 dicembre 2012, n. 234, che ha modificato le disposizioni ordinamentali che regolano il processo di partecipazione dell'Italia all'Unione europea.

Con l'art. 17 della legge n. 234 del 2012 si codifica una procedura di audizione "eventuale" nei confronti dei membri italiani che siano stati nominati nelle istituzioni dell'Unione europea. Secondo il comma 3, l'audizione da parte delle competenti commissioni parlamentari è possibile, però, solo successivamente all'effettiva assunzione delle funzioni.

Le Commissioni non possono procedere alle audizioni prima dell'assunzione delle funzioni, poiché in tal caso si innesterebbe un profilo procedurale che risulterebbe eccedente rispetto alle già complesse procedure previste dai trattati.

Tuttavia, l'art. 17, comma 1, della legge n. 234 del 2012 prevede che le Camere siano informate dal Governo preventivamente, ossia *«all'atto della proposta o della designazione da parte del Governo dei membri*

italiani della Commissione europea, della Corte di giustizia dell'Unione europea, della Corte dei conti europea, del Comitato economico e sociale europeo, del Comitato delle regioni, del Consiglio di amministrazione della Banca europea per gli investimenti e delle agenzie dell'Unione europea» .
E l'informativa è accompagnata dalla descrizione della procedura seguita per l'individuazione della persona, dalle motivazioni della scelta, dal *curriculum vitae* .

In tali casi, una eventuale posizione parlamentare relativamente alla proposta o alla designazione dovrebbe trovare spazio negli ordinari strumenti di indirizzo al Governo.

Non si sono avuti sinora casi di applicazione della presente disposizione legislativa.

Non so dirle con certezza quando il governo ha iniziato a occuparsi delle nomine dei membri italiani nelle istituzioni dell'Unione europea. Certamente è un tema delicato che, almeno da un punto di vista generale, è stato nell'agenda del governo Renzi fin dal suo insediamento, alla fine del febbraio 2014. La candidatura di Federica Mogherini alla carica di Alto Rappresentante per la politica estera dell'Unione Europea è stata l'unica sostenuta ufficialmente dal governo italiano.

La saluto cordialmente e le porgo i migliori auguri per i suoi studi e per la sua tesi di laurea.

Vannino Chiti

4. Crowe, Sean, e-mail message to Denisa Fančová, 1.4.2015, 13:47 CET *'Re: Question: Nomination of European Commissioner designate'* [osobná komunikácia]

question: nomination of the European Commissioner

Sean Crowe <Sean.Crowe@oireachtas.ie> 1. apríla 2015, 13:47
Komu: Denisa Fancova <fdeniska@gmail.com>

Denisa, a chara,

Thank you for your email and sorry about the delay. Seán has asked me to reply on his behalf.

In Ireland the Government alone solely appoint our European Commissioner designate. Our party, Sinn Féin, opposes this type of selection and would like the Commissioner to be selected by the Houses of Parliament.

There was various rumours of who would be selected as a Commissioner in the summer of 2014, around July I think. There was one main front-runner which the media kept reporting would be selected and he was in the end.

Hope this helps.

Is mise le meas,
Eric Scanlon
Political Advisor to Seán Crowe TD (Dublin South West)
Sinn Féin Spokesperson on Foreign Affairs, Trade and Defence

5. Dapkuté, Justina, e-mail message to Denisa Fančová, 10.2.2015, 14:52 CET *'Europos informacijos biuras'* [osobná komunikácia]

Question: Nomination of European Commissioner designate

Europos informacijos biuras <eib@lrs.lt> 11. februára 2015, 14:52

Komu: Denisa Fancova <fdeniska@gmail.com>

Kópia (Cc): Europos informacijos biuras <eib@lrs.lt>

Dear Denisa,

Thank you very much for your question regarding the nomination process of the European Commissioner in Lithuania. Please find the information on the nomination of the European Commissioner in Lithuania below:

According to the Law on the Government of the Republic of Lithuania (19 May 1994 No I-464, Vilnius, as last amended on 17 January 2013 – No XII-153), Article 52. "Presentation of Candidatures of Officers and Members of Consultative Institutions for the Positions in Institutions of the European Union who are Nominated by the Republic of Lithuania":

1. The Government shall nominate candidates for the positions of highest-ranking officers of the European Union. Their appointment shall be provided for in the treaties establishing the European Union.

2. With the consent of the President of the Republic, the Government, nominating candidates for member of the European Commission and member of the Court of Auditors, shall consult the Seimas in the manner prescribed by the Seimas Statute.

The European Commissioner Vytenis Povilas Andriukaitis was approved by the Seimas on the 10 July 2014. The Protocol Decision No. XIIP-998:

http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=476231&p_tr2=2 (Lithuanian)

82 Members of the Parliament were for, 10 – against, 16 abstained.

On the 16 July 2014 The Government approved Vytenis Povilas Andriukaitis as the European Commissioner by the Decree of the Government:

http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=478328&p_tr2=2 (Lithuanian)

http://www.lrv.lt/Posed_medz/2014/140716/27.pdf (Lithuanian)

On the 17 July 2014 The Government asked the President of Lithuania for the approval:

http://www.lrv.lt/Posed_medz/2014/140716/27.pdf (Lithuanian)

On the 18 July 2014 Vytenis Povilas Andriukaitis was approved by the written approval of the President of Lithuania:

http://www.lrv.lt/Posed_medz/2014/140716/27.pdf (Lithuanian)

Best regards,

Justina Dapkutė

Adviser

European Information Office

6. Dóczy, Zsuzsánna, e-mail message to Denisa Fančová, 10.2.2015, 11:01 CET *'Európai ügyek bizottsága'* [osobná komunikácia]

Question: Nomination of European Commissioner designate

Európai ügyek bizottsága <eub@parlament.hu> 10. februára 2015, 11:01

Komu: fdeniska@gmail.com

Dear Denisa,

please find attached the links to the Act about the National Assembly and its Rules of Procedures. The Committee on European Affairs my hear the commissioner candidate. Since Hungary's accession to the EU the commissioner candidate has alwasy been heard by the Committee on European Affairs.

The hearing takes place in a public session.

No votes takes place.

regarding the year of 2014 commissioner candidate Mr Tibor Navracsics, former Deputy Prime Minister, former Minister of Justice and former Minister for foreign Affairs was heard on 21 October 2014, following its hearing in the EP.

Act XXXVI of 2012 on the National Assembly, see section 70
http://www.parlament.hu/documents/125505/138409/Act+XXXVI+of+2012+on+the+National+Assembly/b53726b7-12a8-4d93-acef-140feef44395

Rules of Procedure, section 141
http://www.parlament.hu/documents/125505/138409/Resolution+on+certain+provisions+of+the+Rules+of+Procedure/968f2e08-f740-4241-a87b-28e6dc390407

Please let us know if any further details are necessary.

Best regards,
Zsuzsánna Dóczy
Adviser
Committee on European Affairs
Hungarian National Assembly

7. Hussey, Luke, e-mail message to Denisa Fančová, 9.2.2015, 16:32 CET *'Question: Nomination of European Commissioner designate'* [osobná komunikácia]

Question: Nomination of European Commissioner designate

HUSSEY, Luke <husseyl@parliament.uk> 9. februára 2015, 16:32

Komu: "fdeniska@gmail.com" <fdeniska@gmail.com>

Kópia (Cc): Lords European Union Committee <EUCLORDS@parliament.uk>, "Sophie.Warner-Fog@fco.gov.uk" <Sophie.Warner-Fog@fco.gov.uk>

Dear Fančová

Thank you for your email. The UK Parliament currently has very little role in the selection of the UK's Commissioner, and the nomination is by the UK Government. We do not hold pre-Council hearings (other than before the Commissioner goes to Brussels the Committee will meet with them to share their views and begin to build a relationship).

I would suggest that Sophie Warner-Fogg in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office may be able to give you the Government's perspective and possibly suggest names of those involved in the appointment of Lord Hill of Oareford.

Best wishes
Luke Hussey
Clerk - European Union Select Committe

8. Mahe, David, e-mail message to Denisa Fančová, 30.4.2015, 16:21 CET *'Nomination of European Commissioner designate'* [osobná komunikácia]

question: nomination of the European Commissioner

Commission des affaires européennes <com-euro@senat.fr> 30. apríla 2015, 16:21

Komu: Denisa Fancova <fdeniska@gmail.com>

Dear Madam,

In France, the nomination of the candidate for the post of European Commissioner is a decision usually taken the President of the French Republic himself, in accordance with his Prime Minister (without any obligation).
Unfortunately, it is an unwritten rule. There is indeed no explicit legal basis. One could consider though that this decision derives from the usual power of nomination of the French President as stated in Article 13 of the Constitution of the French Republic : the President "*makes appointments to the civil and military posts of the State*" such as "*Conseillers d'État, the Grand Chancelier de la Légion d'Honneur, Ambassadors and Envoys Extraordinary, Conseillers Maitres of the Cour des Comptes, Prefects, State representatives in the overseas communities to which article 74 applies and in New Caledonia, highest-ranking Military Officers, Recteurs des Académies and Directors of Central Government Departments shall be appointed in the Council of Ministers*".

Best regards,
David MAHÉ
Administrateur-adjoint
Sénat - Commission des affaires européennes

9. Mikk, Karin, e-mail message to Denisa Fančová, 12.3.2015, 11:26 CET *'Nomination of European Commissioner designate'* [osobná komunikácia]

Nomination of European Commissioner designate

Karin Mikk <Karin.Mikk@riigikantselei.ee> 12. marca 2015, 11:26

Komu: fdeniska@gmail.com

Dear Ms Fančová,
Thank you for your letter. The nomination process is regulated by the Government of the Republic Act:
§ 20^2. Nomination of candidates for positions in European Union

(1) The Government of the Republic shall nominate candidates for the position of a member of the European Commission, member of the Economic and Social Committee of the European Union, member of the Committee of the Regions of the European Union, judge of the European Court of Justice, judge of the court of first instance of the European Court of Justice, Advocate-General and members of the European Court of Auditors.
(1^1) Candidate for members of the European Commission shall present a report at a session of the *Riigikogu* prior to their nomination by the Government of the Republic and answer the questions posed by members of the *Riigikogu*.
Link to The State Gazette (an official online publication of legislation): https://www.riigiteataja.ee/en/eli/ee/Riigikogu/act/517112014001/consolide

There is no need for voting in the Parliament, but as it is mentioned in the law the candidate answers to the Parliament´s questions and presents a report before nomination. The provision about Parliament entered into force 15.11.2014, but the same principle was followed during this nomination.

In May 2014 the Government supported the nomination of Mr Andrus Ansip and meeting with Parliament took place in 12.06.2014 (4. Deliberation of the matter of significant national importance "Estonian candidate for the European Commission", reports by Chairman of the European Union Affairs Committee Arto Aas, Prime Minister Taavi Rõivas, Candidate for the European Commission Andrus Ansip). Relevant discussion is available in Estonian at the Parliament's webpage: http://www.riigikogu.ee/?op=steno&stcommand=stenogramm&date=1402559880#pk15241

The order of the Government no 302 was enforced in 10.07.2014 and states that Estonia nominates Mr Andrus Ansip as a candidate for the position of a member of the European Commission. The order is available in The State Gazette: https://www.riigiteataja.ee/akt/312072014003

As your thesis is on relevant topic we are very interested in the results of your work and if it's possible to send us your thesis afterwards we'd be very grateful.

Yours Sincerely
Karin Mikk
Government Office of the Republic of Estonia - EU Secretariat
Adviser

10. Molitor, Maurice, e-mail message to Denisa Fančová, 17.4.2015, 16:51 CET *'Re: Demande de renseignement'* [osobná komunikácia]

Re: Demande de renseignement

Maurice MOLITOR <mmolitor@chd.lu> 17. apríla 2015, 16:51
Komu: Site Public <fdeniska@gmail.com>

Dear Mrs Fancova,
in Luxembourg the nomination of the national candidate for the post of European Commissioner is a decision of the Government that does not need to be formally approved by the Parliament.
In 2014 the situation was somewhat special as Mr. Juncker was running as EPP candidate to become the next President of the European Commission.
The Government (in which Mr. Junckers party is not represented anymore since December 2013) declared that it would not nominate an "own" candidate if Mr. Juncker would get the post.

Best regards
Maurice Molitor
Responsable du service des relations publiques Administration parlementaire

11. Nitsova, Silviya, e-mail message to Denisa Fančová, 23.4.2015, 15:519 CET *'Re: Ms,'* [osobná komunikácia]

RE: Ms.

Silviya.NITSOVA@mfa.bg <Silviya.NITSOVA@mfa.bg> 23. apríla 2015, 15:59

Komu: fdeniska@gmail.com

Dear Ms. Fancova,

Thank you for your email.

The decision on the nomination of a candidate for the post of European Commissioner is made by the government. It is taken by a Decree of the Council of Ministers in accordance with Art. 105, Paragraph 1 of theConstitution of the Republic of Bulgaria. The established practice does not envision an approval of the candidature by the National Assembly.

As you are probably aware, the political situation in Bulgaria in 2014 was complicated. The decision on the nomination of Mrs. Kristalina Georgieva was taken by the caretaker government of Mr. Georgi Bliznashki on 6 August 2014.

Good luck with your Bachelor thesis! We would be very interested to read it or a synopsis of it.

Kind regards
Silviya NITSOVA
Expert at the Political Cabinet
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria

12. Paulauska, Liva, e-mail message to Denisa Fančová, 9.4.2015, 11:30 CET *'Re: Question: Nomination of European Commissioner designate'* [osobná komunikácia]

Re: Question: Nomination of European Commissioner designate

Liva.Paulauska@saeima.lv <Liva.Paulauska@saeima.lv> 9. apríla 2015, 11:30

Komu: fdeniska@gmail.com
Kópia (Cc): Inese.Libina-Egnere@saeima.lv

Dear Denisa,

On behalf of Ms Lībiņa-Egnere I'm sending an information you were interested in. In the normative acts of Latvia order of selection of the applicant of the European Union Commissioner position is not regulated. However, in practice order is established that Prime minister nominates the applicant of the particular position, which subsequently is listened in the meeting of European Affairs Committee. Afterwards Cabinet of Ministers carries a decision on putting forward for approval the applicant of the EU Commissioner position.

So it happened also in the summer of year 2014. Namely, after the European Parliament election Prime Minister indicated that she would like to put forward Valdis Dombrovskis for the position of the EU Commissioner. Since the ruling coalition had no objection to promote V.Dombrovskis for the particular position, on the May 29 discussion was held with the candidate in the meeting of European Affairs Committee. Committee meeting was successful and on the June 3 Cabinet of Ministers supported putting forward V.Dombrovskis for the position of the EU Commissioner.

It should be noted that in the year 2013 initiative of members of the parliament was submitted to the Parliament (Draft Law "On Amendments to the Saeima Rules of Procedure"), which provided that the nomination of the candidate of the EU Commissioner should be equated to the nomination procedures of

the Presidium members of the Saeima, State President and the State Controller candidates,. The initiative also provided to make the candidate of the EU Commissioner regarded as putted forward for approval when in Parliament he has received not less than 51 votes.

The relevant initiative was not adopted during the 11th Saeima, but it gave rise to discussions on the necessity for Parliament to debate more about candidates that are put forward by our country. For example, the possibility was considered to strengthen the laws and regulations of the procedure that the head of the government put forward the candidate of the EU Commissioner position, which would be interviewed by the European Affairs Committee and recommendation would be given to the government. (Available at: http://www.saeima.lv/lv/aktualitates/saeimas-zinas/21485-juridiska-komisija-saeimas-balsojums-par-es-komisara-kandidatu-nav-nepieciesams, http://www.leta.lv/es/item/0B11AE59-7707-4BF5-8DAB-35F5DC770466/jaunumi:news/)

In addition, it should be noted that already in the Parliament in variety of formats- in the European Affairs Committee and the annual foreign policy debates – discussions can be held on the criteria for the nomination of the EU Commissioner candidates.

Yours sincerely,

Līva Paulauska

Assistant to the member of parliament

13. Pavlovic, Maja, e-mail message to Denisa Fančová, 16.2.2015, 15:00 CET *'Re:FW: Question: Nomination of European Commissioner designate'* [osobná komunikácia]

Re: Fw: Question: Nomination of European Commissioner designate

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pr.mzz@gov.si <pr.mzz@gov.si> 16. februára 2015, 15:00

Komu: fdeniska@gmail.com

Dear Ms Fančová,

We are sending you the information you have asked for:

In Slovenia, there is no specific legislation determining the procedure for the nomination of the Commissioner candidate. According to the established practice, it is the prerogative of the Prime Minister to propose to the Government the candidate who meets the criteria enshrined in Article 17 of the Treaty on EU. The nomination of the candidate is therefore the Government decision, National Parliament is not involved. The Slovenian Parliament is, however, considering to determine this procedure by amending the Act on cooperation between the Parliament and the Government on EU affairs, but this procedure has not yet started.

The 2014 procedure for the nomination of the Commissioner candidate started in July 2014. On 10 October 2014, the Government of the Republic of Slovenia proposed Ms Violeta Bulc as the candidate for Commissioner.

Ms. Bulc is currently the EU Commissioner for Transport.

Kind regards and best of luck with your thesis,

Maja Pavlovič

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Public Relations Service

14. Pullicino, Marlene, e-mail message to Denisa Fančová, 29.3.2015, 19:20 CET *'Re: Question: Nomination of European Commissioner designate'* [osobná komunikácia]

Question: Nomination of European Commissioner designate

Marlene Pullicino <marlenedent@gmail.com> 29. marca 2015, 19:20
Komu: Denisa Fancova <fdeniska@gmail.com>

In Malta the nomination of European Commissioner is a government decision: PM chooses. No constitutional entrenchment and no Parl vote needed. Chosen candidate announced 3 months before.

Marlene Pullicino
Independent MP
Member of Foreign and European Affairs Committee

15. Raftopoulou, Aspasia, e-mail message to Denisa Fančová, 8.4.2015, 16:31 CET *'Re: Question: Nomination of European Commissioner designate'* [osobná komunikácia]

RE: Υπουργείο Εξωτερικών: Question: Nomination of European commissioner designate

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Gen. Directorate EU Affairs <gendirc@mfa.gr> 8. apríla 2015, 16:31
Komu: fdeniska@gmail.com
Kópia (Cc): webteam@mfa.gr, G Genikh D/nsh <gendirc@mfa.gr>

Dear Madam,
With regard to your question concerning the procedure followed in Greece for the designation of its European Commissioner, we would like to inform you that this is a governmental decision, namely the Prime Minister's, and not subject to a greek parliament's approval. The nominees and the length of the consideration period are not disclosed to the greek public in spite of occasional leaks to the media.
We hope our answer proves useful for your project. We remain at your disposal.

Best regards
Aspasia Raftopoulou
Counsellor
Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs
EU General Directorate

16. Reynders, Didier, e-mail message to Denisa Fančová, 10.3.2015, 09:47 CET *'Question: Nomination of European Commissioner designate'* [osobná komunikácia]

question: nomination of European Commissioner designate

Contact Reynders - Cab AE/BZ <contact.reynders@diplobel.fed.be> 10. marca 2015, 9:47
Komu: fdeniska@gmail.com

Dear Denisa Fancova,

In Belgium, the nomination of the candidate for the post of Commissioner depends only on a decision of the government. No law exists in this regard and no parliamentary approval is necessary.

The different political parties in the government can suggest a candidate. The choice of the candidate was linked to the formation of the federal government in Belgium after the elections that took place in June 2014. The new government was not yet formed that the decision on the candidate for the post of Commissioner had to be taken. Moreover, in Belgium, in order to respect a certain political balance at all levels (federal, federated,...), the system of "clef d'Hondt" (Hondt Key) is used to allocate seats in the parliaments but also to allocate important posts such as those of the Prime Minister or European Commissioner. For this reason, the post of the Prime Minister is not held by a member of the same political party as the one that holds the post of European Commissioner.

For more information on the informal selection process that took place in Belgium, I invite you to consult Belgian newspapers that covered the issue with great interest between June-September 2014.

The government decided on the Commissioner on September 4. I invite you to have a look at the website Euroactiv.com that also gives information in English about this issue.

Best regards,

Didier REYNDERS
Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and
European Affairs, in charge of Beliris and
Federal Cultural Institutions.

17. Schunemann, Patrick, e-mail message to Denisa Fančová, 31.3.2015, 10:01 CET *'Nomination of the European Commissioner'* [osobná komunikácia]

Nomination of the European Commissioner

Patrick Schünemann <gunther.krichbaum.ma02@bundestag.de> 31. marca 2015, 10:01

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Dear Ms. Fančová,

thank you for your email inquiry on the nomination procedure for potential European Commissioners.

To answer your questions step by step:

There is indeed no legal framework on how to nominate a German candidate, neither by constitution nor by some other law.

It is at the German government's sole discretion to name a candidate, who then however has to be approved by the Federal Cabinet.

In the public debate, there has been speculation on several candidates. I am not aware however who the German government took into closer consideration (besides Mr. Oettinger).

Before the official hearing of the nominated European Commissioner Oettinger in the European Parliament, the Committee on the Affairs of the European Union of the German Bundestag has (like back in 2009) invited Mr. Oettinger to a hearing on 25 September 2014 to learn more about his political goals. There has been no vote on him however, since (as mentioned before) there is no legal framework for this in Germany.

We wish you all the best with your Bachelor thesis.

All the best and kind regards
Patrick Schünemann
Senior Advisor - Gunther Krichbaum MP
Chairman of the Committee on the Affairs of the European Union
German Bundestag

18. Stenborg, Dan, e-mail message to Denisa Fančová, 10.2.2015, 15:27 CET *'Ang.Fwd: Question: Nomination of European Commissioner designate'* [osobná komunikácia]

Ang. Fwd: Question: Nomination of European Commissioner designate

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Riksdagsinformation <riksdagsinformation@riksdagen.se> 10. februára 2015, 15:27

Odpovedať: Riksdagsinformation <riksdagsinformation@riksdagen.se>
Komu: Denisa Fancova <fdeniska@gmail.com>

Dear Ms Denisa Fancova,
Commissioner Cecilia Malmström was designed by the Swedish governement. The process was not transparent in this case so we at the parliament cannot provide you with furhter information. However you could as well get in touch with our Ministry for Foreign Affairs http://www.government.se/sb/d/2085 if you want furither information in this matter.

Kind regards
Dan Stenborg
Information Department
The Riksdag

19. Špiljak, Jelena, e-mail message to Denisa Fančová, 10.2.2015, 09:42 CET *'Question: Nomination of European Commissioner designate'* [osobná komunikácia]

RE: Question: Nomination of European Commissioner designate/additional information

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Dear Ms. Fančová,

In Croatia, decision on the appointment of the candidate designate for the post of the European Commissioner is enacted by the Government in the closed part of its meeting, under the point of the agenda called "human resources issues". The decision is based on Governmental competence to decide on appointments and dismissals within the scope of its work, as defined in the Article 31 of the Act on the Government of the Republic of Croatia.

Parliamentary approval is necessary, as defined by the Article 15 of the Act on Cooperation between the Croatian Parliament and the Government of the Republic of Croatia in European Affairs: *Participation in the procedure of proposing candidates of the Republic of Croatia for the institutions and bodies of the European Union*

Speaking of the process that took place last year, the Government decided on the closed part of its meeting on 17th July 2014 on the Commissioner designate. If you can understand some Croatian or if this can be of any use to you, this decision is mentioned in the Press Release from the closed part of the Governmental session in the 6th paragraph here:

https://vlada.gov.hr/vijesti/priopcenje-sa-zatvorenog-dijela-176-sjednice-vlade/14680

Information on this decision was sent to the Croatian Parliament on the same day, along with the candidate's (Mr. Neven Mimica) CV.

The European Affairs Committee held a meeting with the participation of Mr. Mimica on July 22nd 2014. The Committee issued an opinion in which it supported the candidature of Mr. Mimica. This opinion in Croatian can be found here:

http://www.sabor.hr/misljenje-odbora-za-europske-poslove-o-izvjescu-o-

Regarding the governmental procedure, I am afraid I do not have that information. Mr. Mimica was already a Commissioner in the Barroso Commission (Since 1st July 2013, when Croatia joined the Union) and since the same Government was in office in 2014 during the appointment of the new Commission, I suppose they did not concider other candidates but only reappointed the current Commissioner.

For the details of the Governmental procedure you may ask the Governments citizens' service on the address gradjani@vlada.hr.

Thank you for your question and I hope I was able to give you at least a partial answer to your question.

Kind regards,
Jelena Špiljak,
Advisor to the European Affairs Committee
Croatian Parliament

20. Telemachou, Louis, e-mail message to Denisa Fančová, 10.2.2015, 08:27 CET *'FW:Question: Nomination of European Commissioner designate'* [osobná komunikácia]

FW: Question: Nomination of European Commissioner designate

Louis Telemachou <ltelemachou@mfa.gov.cy> 10. februára 2015, 8:27
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Dear Denisa,

The decision on the nomination of the Cypriot Commissioner is taken by the President of the Republic.

No decision of the Council of Ministers or a parliamentary vote/assent is needed .

I hope you find this information useful.

Kind regards,
Louis Telemachou
Deputy Director
European Union Department (Horizontal and Global Issues)
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

21. Valiokunta, Suuri, e-mail message to Denisa Fančová, 15.4.2015, 07:25 CET *'VL:VL:VL: Question: Nomination of European Commissioner designate'* [osobná komunikácia]

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Suuri Valiokunta <Suuri.Valiokunta@eduskunta.fi> 15. apríla 2015, 7:25
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Dear Ms Fancova,
I apologise for the delay in replying. It really is inexcusable.
There is no specific legal norm governing the procedure for selecting the Finnish Commissioner- designate. The procedure is inferred from sections 93 and 97 of the Constitution: the government has the formal power to make the nomination. However, because the issue is EU-related and of political importance, the government is obliged to notify the Grand Committee of its decision before going public. The GC has the option of issuing an opinion binding on the government, i.e. Forcing the govt to change its candidate. In practice, the government makes certain by inofficial means beforehand that its candidate has majority support in the Grand Committee. Thus the announcement in the committee goes through without any serious challenge.

Best regards,
Peter Saramo