

WORKSHOP N. 2.2  
AGRICULTURE-NATURE BASED SOLUTIONS:  
INNOVATION AND TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE TO SUPPORT BIODIVERSITY  
AND FARMERS INCOME IN PROTECTED AREAS

# SOME NEWS FROM BRUSSELS

*Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 14:30-18:30*

Stefania Petrosillo, EUROPARC Federation



## TOPIC 2

Nature on Your Mind – **in business**



**European Parliament**

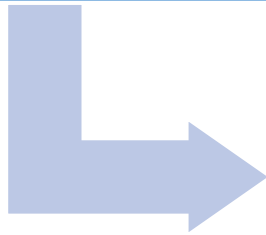
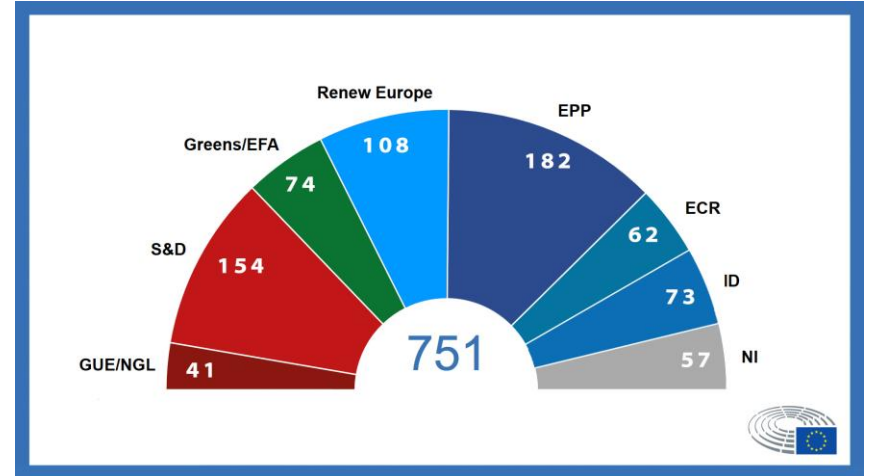
**European Parliament**

# European Parliament



European  
Elections

- May 2019
- 751 MEPs
- 7 Political Groups



President  
Designation

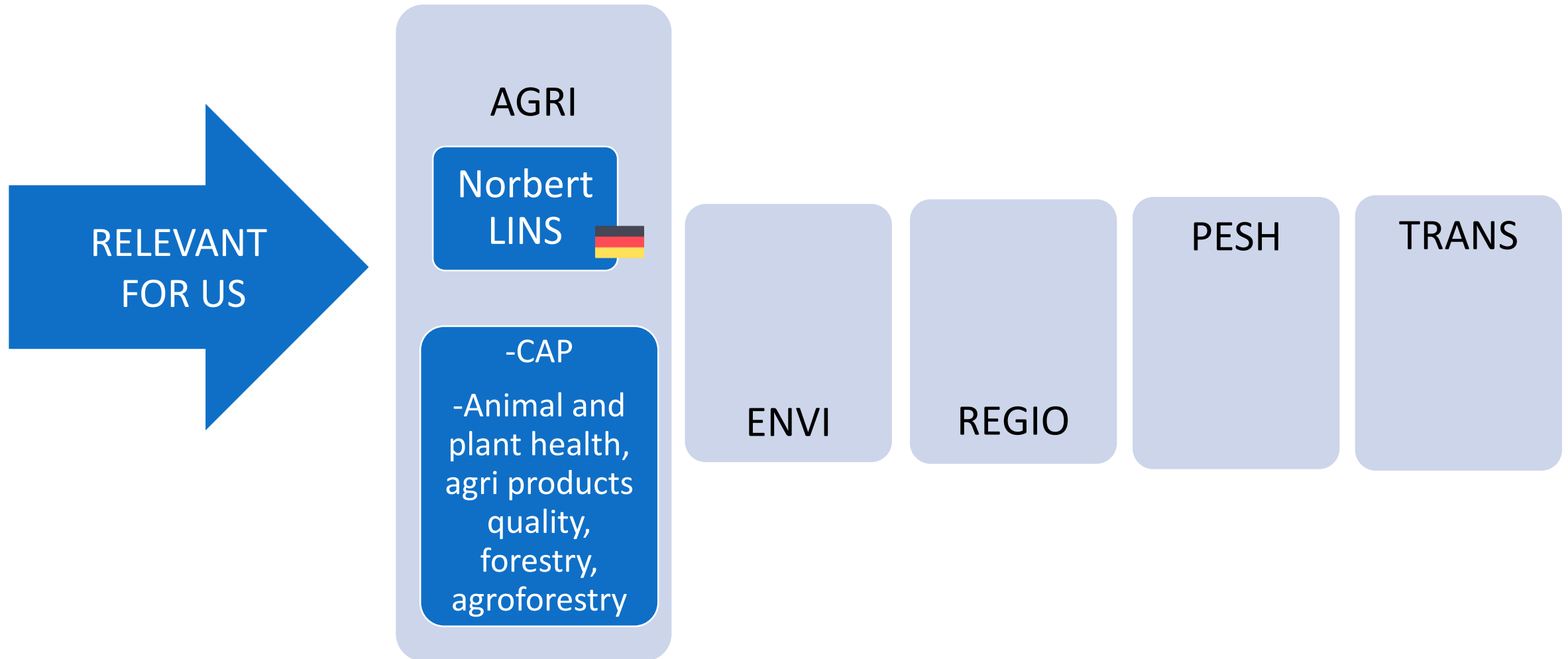
- July 2019
- By MEPs
- Elected: David Maria SASSOLI (IT)



MEPs

- 22 Committees

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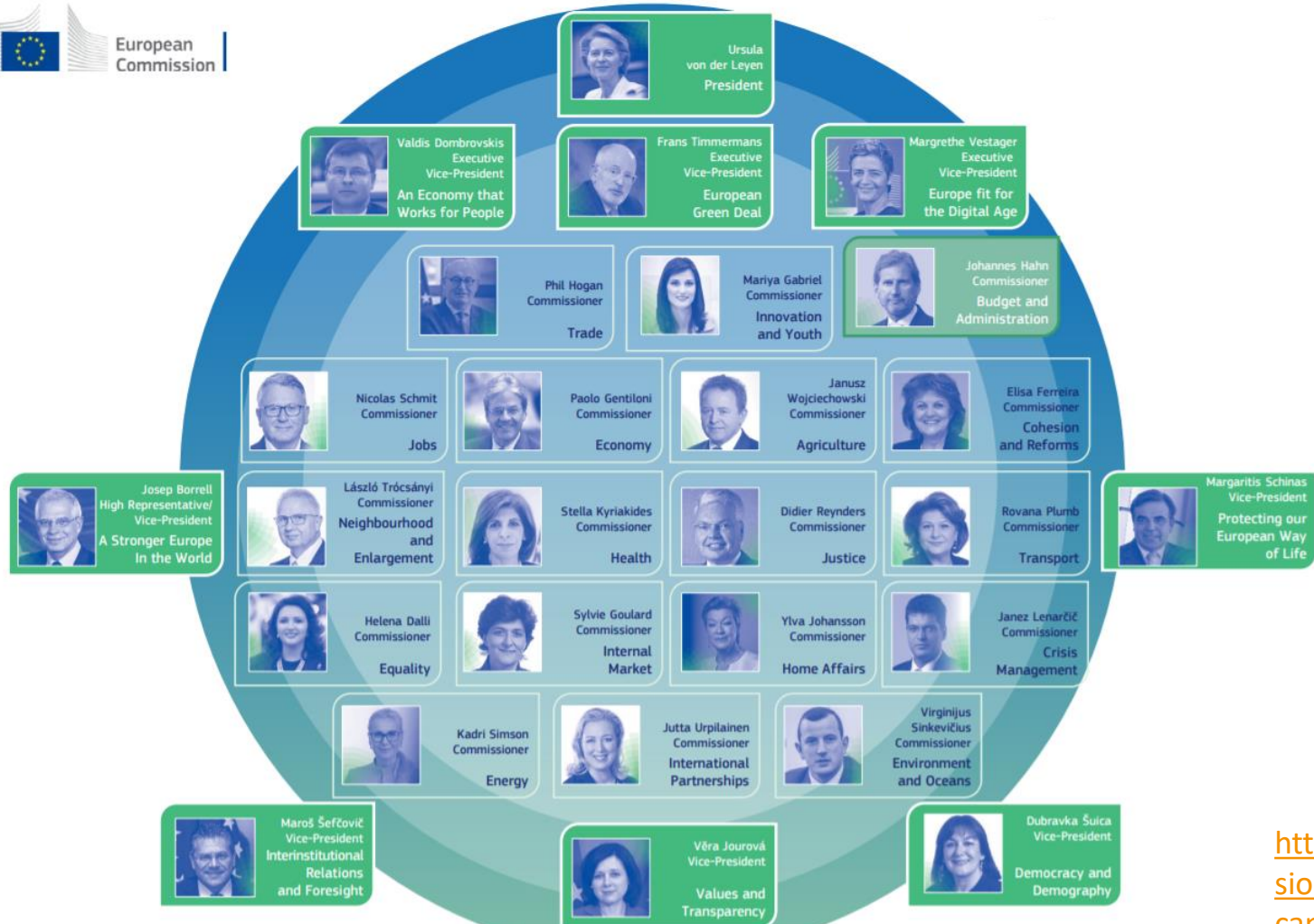




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**President Ursula von der Leyen:**  
*elected by the European Parliament – EP, on 16 July 2019*

## 28 Commissioners designated:

- *In October, hearings in EP Committees*
- *End October, approval by EP Plenary*
- *1 November new Commissioners should take office*

[https://ec.europa.eu/commission/interim/commissioners-designate\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/interim/commissioners-designate_en)

<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/hearings2019/commission-hearings-2019/20190912STO60948/schedule-commissioner-candidate-hearings-in-parliament>

# European Commission

**Frans Timmermans**  
Executive Vice-  
President



-European Green Deal  
-Climate action

**Virginijus Sinkevičius**  
Commissioner  
Environment and  
Oceans



**Achieving a modern and sustainable  
european agriculture:**

- Modern and simplified Common Agricultural Policy
- ‘Farm to Fork’ strategy for sustainable food
- Zero-pollution ambition
- Strengthen the system of geographical indications
- Long-term vision for rural areas

**Janusz Wojciechowski**  
Comissioner  
Agriculture



-Conserve Europe’s  
Natural environment  
-Working for a  
prosperous and  
sustainable fishing  
and a thriving blue  
economy

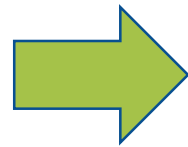


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**FINLAND'S  
PRESIDENCY**  
(1/07/19 – 31/12/19)



## Environment

- Strengthen the EU's position as a global leader in climate action
- EU's long-term climate strategy for 2050
- Implementation of the energy union and promote emissions reductions
- Commission's updated bioeconomy strategy
- Expand methods based on a circular economy
- **Common Agricultural Policy that can better respond to climate change**
- Implement the UN Convention on Biological Diversity
- **Sustainable use of natural resources and foster animal welfare**

# To know more

Video of the **3 main institutions in synthesis (European Parliament, European Commission, European Council/Council of European Union)** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5fL9SPNRCrg>

➤ **The European Parliament** (Official website <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/portal/en> )

Video [https://multimedia.europarl.europa.eu/en/the-european-parliament-in-a-nutshell\\_V007-0044\\_ev](https://multimedia.europarl.europa.eu/en/the-european-parliament-in-a-nutshell_V007-0044_ev)

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➤ **The European Council** (Official website <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/european-council/>)

Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RKPE3vWGJb0>

➤ **The Council of the European Union** (Official website <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/council-eu/> )

Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BUMyjjwCMzSI>

*Not to be confused with: The Council of Europe, which is not EU but another international organization, founded in 1949 to promote cultural diversity, democratization and human rights. It is based in Strasbourg.*