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Single sitting: Wednesday 25 September 2013 (morning)

The sitting was opened at 10.35 by Ms REDING, President BARROSO being absent.

Present:

Ms REDING	Vice-President
Ms KROES	Vice-President
Mr TAJANI	Vice-President
Mr ŠEFČOVIČ	Vice-President
Mr REHN	Vice-President
Mr BARNIER	Member
Ms VASSILIOU	Member
Mr ŠEMETA	Member
Mr DE GUCHT	Member
Ms GEOGHEGAN-QUINN	Member
Mr LEWANDOWSKI	Member
Ms DAMANAKI	Member
Mr HAHN	Member
Mr ANDOR	Member
Ms MALMSTRÖM	Member
Mr BORG	Member
Mr MIMICA	Member

Absent:

Mr BARROSO	President
Baroness ASHTON	High Representative/ Vice-President
Mr ALMUNIA	Vice-President
Mr KALLAS	Vice-President
Mr POTOČNIK	Member
Mr PIEBALGS	Member
Ms GEORGIEVA	Member
Mr OETTINGER	Member
Ms HEDEGAARD	Member
Mr FÜLE	Member
Mr CIOLOŞ	Member

The following sat in to represent absent Members of the Commission:

Mr CEBALLOS BARÓN	A member of Baroness ASHTON's staff
Mr MARTÍNEZ MONGAY	Chef de cabinet to Mr ALMUNIA
Mr FITCH	Deputy Chef de cabinet to Mr KALLAS
Mr MALGAJ	Chef de cabinet to Mr POTOČNIK
Mr VIS	Chef de cabinet to Ms HEDEGAARD
Mr MORDUE	Chef de cabinet to Mr FÜLE

The following also sat in:

Mr LAITENBERGER	Chef de cabinet to the PRESIDENT
Mr ROMERO REQUENA	Director-General, Legal Service
Mr VANDERSTEEN	Deputy Director-General (acting), DG Communication
Mr DOENS	Head of the Commission Spokesperson Service

Secretary: Ms DAY, Secretary-General, assisted by Mr AYET PUIGARNAU, Director in the Secretariat-General.

1. AGENDAS

(OJ(2013) 2060/FINAL; (SEC(2013) 485/2)

The Commission took note of that day's agenda and of the tentative agendas for forthcoming meetings.

2. WEEKLY MEETING OF CHEFS DE CABINET

(RCC(2013) 2060)

The Commission considered the Secretary-General's report on the weekly meeting of Chefs de cabinet held on Monday 23 September.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND SPECIAL MINUTES OF 2059TH MEETING
(18 SEPTEMBER)**

(PV(2013) 2059; PV(2013) 2059, PART II)

The Commission approved the minutes of its 2059th meeting.

4. INTERINSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS

4.1. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

- i) Improvement of securities settlement in the European Union and on central securities depositories (CSDs) and amendment of Directive 98/26/EC (Regulation) – SWINBURNE report – 2012/0029 (COD)
(SI(2013) 455 to /3)**

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2013) 455/3.

- ii) Guidelines for trans-European telecommunications networks and repeal of Decision 1336/97/EC (Regulation) – TOŠENOVSKÝ report – 2011/0299 (COD)**

(SI(2013) 471 and /2)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2013) 471/2.

- iii) Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020 – Cohesion policy – Common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund covered by the Common Strategic Framework and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) 1083/2006 (Regulation) – VAN NISTELROOIJ / KREHL report – 2011/0276 (COD)**

(SI(2013) 473 and /2)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2013) 473/2.

- iv) Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020 – Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community (2014-2018) complementing the Horizon 2020 Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (Council Regulation) – SKINNER report – 2011/0400 (NLE) / Specific Programme implementing Horizon 2020 Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (Council Decision) – CARVALHO report – 2011/0402 (CNS)**

(SI(2013) 474)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2013) 474.

- v) Grant of an EU guarantee to the European Investment Bank against losses under financing operations supporting investment projects**

outside the Union (Decision) – KALFIN report – 2013/0152 (COD)
(SI(2013) 475 and /2)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2013) 475 and /2.

vi) Amendment of Council Directive 2010/18/EU because of the change in status of Mayotte (Council Decision) – 2013/0189 (NLE) / Amendment of certain Regulations in the field of fisheries and animal health by reason of the change of status of Mayotte with regard to the Union (Regulation) – FERREIRA report – 2013/0191 (COD) / Amendment of certain Directives in the fields of environment, agriculture, social policy and public health by reason of the change of status of Mayotte with regard to the Union (Directive) – GROOTE report – 2013/0192 (COD)
(SI(2013) 477)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2013) 477.

vii) Specific requirements regarding statutory audit of public-interest entities / Amendment of Directive 2006/43/EC on statutory audits of annual accounts and consolidated accounts (Directive) – KARIM reports – 2011/0359 (COD) / 2011/0389 (COD)
(SI(2013) 478)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2013) 478.

viii) Signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the association agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part (Council Decision) – 2013/0155 (NLE)
(SI(2013) 476 and /2)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2013) 476/2.

ix) Conclusion of a Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Partnership and cooperation between the European Community and

its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Indonesia, of the other part (Council Decision) – GOMES report – 2013/0120 (NLE)

(SI(2013) 481 to /3)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2013) 481/3.

4.2. RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL

x) Programming of Council business

(SI(2013) 480)

The Commission took note of the information in SI(2013) 480 on the Council meetings between 26 September and 9 October.

4.3. RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE, THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS, THE EUROPEAN OMBUDSMAN AND NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS

xi) Action taken on opinions of the European Economic and Social Committee – 2nd two-month period 2013 (March and April)

(SC(2013) 32 and /2)

The Commission approved the replies to the opinions adopted by the Economic and Social Committee during the second two-month period of 2013 contained in the document distributed as SC(2013) 32/2, for transmission to the European Economic and Social Committee.

xii) Action taken on opinions of the Committee of the Regions – 53rd report – Plenary session of 31 January and 1 February 2013

(SR(2013) 24 and /2)

The Commission approved the replies to the opinions adopted by the Committee of the Regions during its plenary session on 31 January and 1 February, contained in the document distributed as SR(2013) 24/2, for transmission to that Committee.

xiii) Participation by Members of the European Economic and Social Committee in international conferences

(SR(2013) 35)

- United Nations Climate Change Conference (Warsaw, 11-22 November)

The Commission agreed to the request to the PRESIDENT from Mr Henri Malosse, President of the European Economic and Social Committee, concerning the attendance of three Members of that Committee at the above-mentioned meeting as observers in the EU delegation, with a reminder about the procedure to be followed.

xiv) Participation of Members of the Committee of the Regions in international conferences

(SR(2013) 23)

- United Nations Climate Change Conference (Warsaw, 11-22 November)

The Commission agreed to the request to the PRESIDENT from Mr Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso, President of the Committee of the Regions, concerning the attendance of two Members of that Committee at the above-mentioned meeting as observers in the EU delegation.

5. WRITTEN PROCEDURES, EMPOWERMENT AND DELEGATION OF POWERS

5.1. WRITTEN PROCEDURES APPROVED

(SEC(2013) 487 ET SEQ.)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted between 16 and 20 September.

5.2. EMPOWERMENT

(SEC(2013) 488 ET SEQ.)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted between 16 and 20 September.

5.3. DELEGATION AND SUBDELEGATION OF POWERS

(SEC(2013) 489 ET SEQ.)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted under the delegation and subdelegation procedure between 16 and 20 September, as archived in e-Greffe.

5.4. SENSITIVE WRITTEN PROCEDURES

(SEC(2013) 490 AND /2)

The Commission took note of the sensitive written procedures for which the time limit expired between 23 and 27 September and of the "finalisation" written procedures initiated following the Commission meeting on 18 September and the weekly meeting of Chefs de cabinet on 23 September.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

(SEC(2013) 491)

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

(PERS(2013) 120)

**6.1. DG INTERNAL MARKET AND SERVICES – APPOINTMENT OF
AD14/15 DIRECTOR**

(PERS(2013) 27 TO /3)

The Commission had before it applications under Article 29(1)(a)(i) and (iii) of the Staff Regulations for the post of Director, 'Financial Institutions', in DG Internal Market and Services (PERS(2013) 27).

It took note of the opinions of the Consultative Committee on Appointments of 13 February and 16 May 2013 (PERS(2013) 27/2 and /3).

The Commission proceeded to compare the applicants' qualifications for the post. It also considered their ability, efficiency and conduct in the service. On a proposal from Mr ŠEFČOVIČ, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Mr BARNIER, it then decided to appoint Mr Mario NAVA to the post.

This decision would take effect on 1 October 2013.

6.2. DG HUMAN RESOURCES AND SECURITY / OFFICE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND LOGISTICS - LUXEMBOURG – RENEWAL OF TERM OF OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND LOGISTICS IN LUXEMBOURG

The Commission took note of the information at point 2 of PERS(2013) 120 and, on a proposal from Mr ŠEFČOVIČ, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, decided, by way of derogation from the Commission Decision 2003/524/EC establishing the Office for Infrastructure and Logistics in Luxembourg, to renew until 31 December 2014 the term of office of Ms Marian O'LEARY as Director of the that Office.

This decision would take effect on 1 November 2013.

6.3. DG HUMAN RESOURCES AND SECURITY – SPECIAL ADVISERS TO COMMISSION MEMBERS – 1 OCTOBER 2013 TO 31 MARCH 2014 (PERS(2013) 121)

The Commission took note of the information in point 3 of PERS(2013) 120 and, on a proposal from Mr ŠEFČOVIČ, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, decided:

- to adopt the list of special advisers to Commission Members for the period from 1 October 2013 to 31 March 2014 set out in PERS(2013) 121;

- to approve the renewal of the contracts of the special advisers assigned to the task force for Greece also set out in PERS(2013) 121;
- to authorise the Director-General of DG Human Resources and Security to implement those decisions by signing contracts of employment on behalf of the authority empowered to conclude contracts of employment.

These decisions would take effect immediately.

**6.4. DG HUMAN RESOURCES AND SECURITY – APPROVAL OF LISTS OF CANDIDATES FOR HEAD OF EUROPEAN UNION DELEGATION POSTS
(PERS(2013) 122; (PERS(2013) 123)**

The Commission took note of the information at point 4 of PERS(2013) 120 and, on a proposal from Mr ŠEFČOVIČ, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, decided to approve the lists of candidates in PERS(2013) 122 and PERS(2013) 123 for the posts of Head of the European Union Delegation in Burundi and the list of candidates for the post of Head of the European Union Delegation in Uganda (AD9-14/AD12); these lists would serve as a basis for the competent authority of the European External Action Service to make the final appointments.

This decision would take effect immediately.

**7. COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS – OPENING UP EDUCATION – INNOVATIVE TEACHING AND LEARNING FOR ALL THROUGH NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES
(COM(2013) 654 AND /2; SWD(2013) 341; (RCC(2013) 122)**

The Commission approved the communication in COM(2013) 654/2, for transmission to Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, and, for information, to national parliaments, together with the staff working document distributed as SWD(2013) 341, the contents of which were noted.

8. DRAFT AMENDING BUDGET No 8 (DAB2 BIS) TO THE GENERAL BUDGET 2013 – GENERAL STATEMENT OF REVENUE – STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE BY SECTION (SECTION III – COMMISSION) (COM(2013) 669)

The Commission adopted the draft amending budget No 8 to the 2013 General Budget set out in COM(2013) 669 for transmission to Parliament and the Council, and, for information, to the national parliaments.

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The meeting closed at 10.37.