

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs
Committee on Legal Affairs
The Chairs

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Bernd Lange
Chair
Conference of Committee Chairs

Dear Mr Lange,

The Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Committee on Legal Affairs, in accordance with Rule 129 of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament, held a public confirmation hearing on 7 November 2024 with Mr Valdis Dombrovskis, Commissioner-designate, who, subject to the positive outcome of the nomination procedure, will be responsible for Economy and Productivity; Implementation and Simplification.

On 16 October 2024, our committees received the letter from the Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs with the outcome of the scrutiny of the declaration of financial interests of Mr Dombrovskis, which was conducted pursuant to Rule 129 of the Rules of Procedure and Article 2 of Annex VII thereto.

Prior to the confirmation hearing, the Parliament had sent the Commissioner-designate a list of written questions. Our committees noted that Mr Dombrovskis answered those questions and dealt with the priorities outlined in a satisfactory manner.

The course of the confirmation hearing is described in the verbatim transcript of the proceedings annexed to this letter.

On the basis of the oral interventions of the Members present at the confirmation hearing, as well as the comments made by our committees' coordinators, who met in camera after the confirmation hearing under our chairmanship, the general outcome of this confirmation hearing is that the Commissioner-designate gave a convincing impression of his aptitude to be a member of the College of Commissioners and to carry out the specific tasks assigned to him.

In accordance with Rule 129 of the Rules of Procedure and Article 5 of Annex VII thereto, the ECON and JURI coordinators representing a large majority of more than two thirds of the committees' members belonging to a political group approved that Commissioner-designate Valdis Dombrovskis is qualified both to be a member of the College of Commissioners and to carry out the specific tasks assigned to him.

Opinions of the committees invited to participate in the confirmation hearing are also in the annex to this letter.

During the evaluation meeting, the coordinators of the Left group requested the inclusion of the following minority view:

“The Left group cannot support the candidate. He supports the new economic governance framework, which results in drastic austerity measures. The reforms proposed by the Commission consistently focus on reducing public spending, which could have a detrimental impact on our public services and social protection system. European semester recommendations rarely include calls for greater tax justice, despite the potential for this to be a more effective approach, not only in promoting social justice but also in reducing deficits. This suggests that the candidate’s primary objective may not be fiscal stability, but rather the imposition of a neoliberal reform agenda.

There was no convincing commitment that the objectives coming from CSDD and CRSD will not be jeopardised by the reduction of reporting obligations or by bypassing these laws with the new category of mid-caps. We are not convinced that the Commissioner is able to fully ensure independence of the Regulatory Scrutiny Board since he does not understand that independence is not about issuing negative opinions but about ensuring transparency and limiting relations with the individual interest representatives as the EU Ombudsman recommended. We were also not satisfied about the vague answer concerning phasing out of the fossil fuel subsidies.”

We would be grateful if you could bring this evaluation to the attention of the Conference of Presidents.

Yours sincerely,



Aurore Lalucq

Chair
Committee on Economic
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Ilhan Kyuchyuk

Chair
Committee on Legal Affairs

Cc.: Johan Van Overtveldt, Chair of the Committee on Budgets (BUDG)
Sven Simon, Chair of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs (AFCO)
Li Andersson, Chair of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL)
Anna Cavazzini, Chair of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO)
Committee Coordination and Legislative Programming Unit (Coordleg)

Annexes:

- Annex 1 -Verbatim transcript
- Annex 2 - Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (BUDG)
- Annex 3 - Opinion of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs (AFCO)
- Annex 4 - Opinion of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL)
- Annex 5 - Opinion of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO)



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Committee on Budgets
The Chairman

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Ms Aurore Lalucq
Chair of ECON Committee

Mr Ilhan Kyuchyuk
Chair of JURI Committee

Subject: BUDG Assessment of Commissioner-Designate for Economy and Productivity, Implementation and Simplification, Valdis Dombrovskis

The Committee on Budgets, invited to the confirmation hearing of Commissioner-designate Dombrovskis, which took place on 7 November, considers that the Commissioner-designate is qualified to be member of the College and is qualified to carry out the particular duties he has been assigned in the field of the Economy, notably as regards the implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RFF).

The Committee on Budgets takes note of the Commissioner-designate's statement that no option is off the table when it comes to financing models for the next Multiannual Financial Framework. The Committee also takes note of the Commissioner-designate's assessment that the performance-based approach of the RRF linking disbursements to reforms and investments has been a success but stresses the importance to ensure funding traceability, transparency and spending for the right purposes under the RRF.

This opinion has been adopted by Coordinators representing a large majority of committee members belonging to a political group.

Yours sincerely,

Johan Van Overtveldt
Chair of the BUDG Committee

Committee on Constitutional Affairs
The Chair

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Ms Aurore Lalucq
Chair of the Committee on Economic and
Monetary Affairs

Mr Ilhan Kyuchuk,
Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs

**Opinion by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs as invited committee
to the confirmation hearing of Commissioner-designate Valdis Dombrovskis**

Dear Chairs,

The Committee on Constitutional Affairs (AFCO) was invited to the confirmation hearing of Commissioner-designate Valdis Dombrovskis, organised by the ECON and JURI Committees and which took place on 7 November 2024. The AFCO Committee considers that the Commissioner-designate is qualified to be member of the College and is qualified to carry out the particular duties he has been assigned in the field of simplification and Better Law-Making.

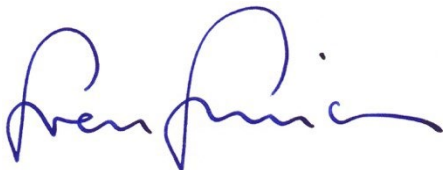
The AFCO Committee took due note of the commitments expressed by Commissioner-designate Valdis Dombrovskis in his written answers to work for a more transparent and evidence-based policy making, as well as to further strengthening cooperation with Parliament on Article 225 TFEU resolutions and the process of annual and multi-annual programming, in full respect of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality.

During his confirmation hearing, Commissioner-designate Dombrovskis stressed that the Commission intends to follow up to Parliament's right of initiative (Article 225 TFEU resolutions), as it has been the case in the previous legislative term, including Parliament's proposals to change and revoke existing legislation.

This opinion has been adopted by present AFCO Coordinators unanimously.

Yours sincerely,

Sven Simon
Chair of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs



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Committee on Employment and Social Affairs
The Chair



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Chair of the Committee on Economic and
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Ilhan KYUCHYUK
Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs
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Dear Chairs,

The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, invited to the confirmation hearing of Commissioner-designate for Economy and Productivity; Implementation and Simplification, Valdis DOMBROVSKIS, which took place on Thursday 7 November 2024, considers that the Commissioner-designate is qualified to be member of the College and is qualified to carry out the particular duties he has been assigned in the field of employment and social affairs, notably in the following fields: safeguarding upward social convergence and social fairness in the EU in the context of the green and digital transitions, of the implementation of the EU's new economic governance rules and of the better regulation agenda, including via the implementation of the principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights (EPRS), the use of the Social Scoreboard, and of the Social Convergence Framework.

We expect a strong commitment in ensuring that the national medium-term structural plans that the Commission approves effectively contribute to the implementation of the principles of the EPSR, as required by the Regulation and that simplification maintains high social standards.

This opinion has been adopted by Coordinators representing a large majority of committee members belonging to a political group.

I would like to thank you in advance for taking this opinion into consideration.

Li ANDERSSON

Cc. Bernd Lange, Chair of the Conference of Committee Chairs

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Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection
The Chair

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Mrs Aurore LALUCQ
Chair
Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Mr Ilhan KYUCHYUK
Chair
Committee on Legal Affairs

Subject: Opinion by IMCO as invited committee to the confirmation hearing of Commissioner-designate Valdis Dombrovskis

Dear Chairs,

The Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection, has been invited to the confirmation hearing of Commissioner-designate Valdis Dombrovskis, which took place on 7 November.

IMCO considers that the Commissioner-designate is qualified to be member of the College and is qualified to carry out the particular duties he has been assigned in the field of Economy and Productivity, Implementation and Simplification, with regard to the parts of his portfolio which fall to a substantial extent within the responsibility of the IMCO Committee, namely the economic policy coordination and the implementation and simplification of the rules in relation to the Single Market.

This opinion has been adopted by Coordinators representing a large majority of committee members belonging to a political group.

Yours sincerely,

Anna Cavazzini
IMCO Chair

Cc: Committee Coordination and Legislative Programming Unit (Coordleg)