



Committee on Industry, Research and Energy
Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection
The Chairs

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Mr Bernd Lange
Chair
Conference of Committee Chairs

Dear Chair,

The Committee on Industry, Research and Energy and the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection, in accordance with Rule 129 of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament, held a public confirmation hearing on 12 November 2024 with Ms Virkkunen, Executive Vice-President-designate, who, subject to the positive outcome of the nomination procedure, will be responsible for Tech Sovereignty, Security and Democracy.

On 16 October 2024, our Committees, pursuant to Rule 129 of the Rules of Procedure and Article 3 of Annex VII thereto, received the letter from the Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs regarding the scrutiny of the declaration of interests of Ms Virkkunen.

Prior to the confirmation hearing, Parliament had sent the Executive Vice-President-designate a list of written questions. Our Committees noted that Ms Virkkunen answered those questions in a satisfactory manner.

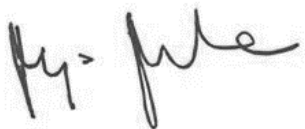
The course of the confirmation hearing is described in the verbatim transcript of the proceedings, where the commitments made are reflected.

In accordance with Rule 129 of the Rules of Procedure and Article 5 of Annex VII thereto, the coordinators of our Committees, representing a large majority of at least two thirds of committee members belonging to a political group, agreed at their evaluation meeting of 20 November 2024 that Ms Virkkunen is qualified to be a member of the College of Commissioners and to carry out the specific tasks assigned.

The opinions of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, the Committee on Legal Affairs, the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Culture and Education, invited to participate in the confirmation hearing, are annexed to this letter.

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

Yours sincerely,



Mr Borys BUDKA
ITRE Chair



Ms Anna CAVAZZINI
IMCO Chair

cc: Javier Zarzalejos, Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs
David McAllister, Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs
Nela Riehl, Chair of the Committee on Culture and Education

Annexes:

- Opinions of LIBE, JURI, AFET, CULT

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
The Chairman

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Mr Borys BUDKA
Chair of the Committee on Industry, research and Energy (ITRE)

Ms Anna CAVAZZINI
Chair of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO)

Subject: LIBE Committee opinion on the Confirmation Hearing of Henna VIRKKUNEN

Dear Mr BUDKA,
Dear Ms CAVAZZINI,

The Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) was invited to the confirmation hearing of the Executive Vice-President-designate for Tech Sovereignty, Security and Democracy, Henna VIRKKUNEN, which took place on Tuesday 12 November 2024.

In the light of her replies to LIBE-related questions, the Committee considers that the Executive Vice-President-designate is qualified to be a member of the College and is qualified to carry out the particular duties she has been assigned in the LIBE Committee's remit.

The LIBE Committee takes note of Ms Virkkunen's commitment to cooperate with the European Parliament and its committees, including LIBE, given the significant number of issues within the LIBE's area of responsibility covered by her portfolio.

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

Yours sincerely,



Javier ZARZALEJOS
Chair of the LIBE Committee

cc:

Bernd LANGE, Conference of Committee Chairs
Committee Coordination and Legislative Programming Unit (Coordleg)

Committee on Legal Affairs
The Chair

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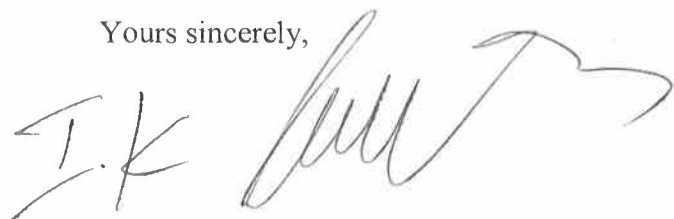
Subject: Opinion of the JURI Committee concerning the Executive Vice-President-designate Henna Virkkunen following the assessment meeting of the JURI Coordinators

Dear Chairs,

The Committee on Legal Affairs, invited to the confirmation hearing of the Executive Vice-President-designate Henna Virkkunen, which took place on 12 November 2024, considers that the Executive Vice-President-designate is qualified to be a member of the College and is qualified to carry out the particular duties that she has been assigned in the field of those parts of her portfolio on Tech sovereignty, Security and Democracy which fall to a substantial extent within the responsibility of the Committee on Legal Affairs.

This opinion has been adopted by the Coordinators representing at least a simple majority of committee members belonging to a political group.

Yours sincerely,



Ilhan KYUCHYUK

Copy: Mr Bernd Lange, Chair of the Conference of Committee Chairs
CCC Secretariat

Committee on Foreign Affairs
The Chair

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Mr Boris Budka
Chair
Committee on Industry, Research and
Energy

Ms Anna Cavazzini
Chair
Committee on the Internal Market and
Consumer Protection

**Subject: Evaluation of Henna VIRKKUNEN, Executive Vice-President designate for
Tech Sovereignty, Security and Democracy**

Dear Mr Budka,
Dear Ms Cavazzini,

The Committee on Foreign Affairs, invited to the confirmation hearing of Executive Vice-President designate Henna VIRKKUNEN, which took place on 12 November 2024, considers that the Commissioner-designate is qualified to be member of the College and is qualified to carry out the particular duties she has been assigned with regard to combatting external security threats and on the European Defence Union.

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

Yours sincerely,



David McAllister

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Addressees

Borys BUDKA, Chair of the ITRE Committee

Anna CAVAZZINI, Chair of the IMCO Committee

The Committee on Culture and Education, invited to the confirmation hearing of Commissioner-designate Henna Virkkunen, which took place on 12 November, considers that the Commissioner-designate is qualified to be member of the College and is qualified to carry out the particular duties she has been assigned in the field of the media, audiovisual and creative sectors, notably as regards the support to these sectors in the context of the ongoing digital transformation challenges and coherent and efficient implementation, monitoring and enforcement of EU regulatory framework related to these sectors.

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



Nela Riehl

Chair of the CULT Committee