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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject:	Nomination of Ms Margrethe VESTAGER as Member of the European Commission

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Delegations will find attached a letter from Ms Louise BORCHENIUS JENSEN from the Permanent Representation of Denmark to the European Union, forwarding the letter from Ms Mette FREDERIKSEN, Prime Minister of Denmark, nominating Ms Margrethe VESTAGER as Member of the European Commission.

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**THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF DENMARK**  
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### Danish Member of the European Commission

Dear Mrs Seppala,

Please find enclosed, for **information**, the copy of a letter and an annex, to the Secretary-General of the Council, Mr Jeppe Tranholm-Mikkelsen.

The Danish Prime Minister, Mette Frederiksen, wrote to the President-elect of the Commission, Ms Ursula von der Leyen, and to the President-in-office of the Council, Ms Tytti Tuppurainen, regarding the above-mentioned subject.

Yours sincerely,

  
Louise Borchsenius Jensen  
Chargée d'affaires

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THE PRIME MINISTER

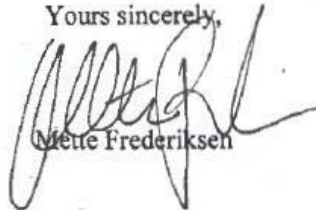
Copenhagen, 31 JULI 2019

Dear President-elect of the Commission, Ms Ursula von der Leyen,  
Dear President-in-office of the Council, Ms Tytti Tuppurainen,

Referring to the nomination request letter of the President-elect of the Commission and in line with the discussions at the extraordinary meeting of the European Council on July 1 and 2 and the stated intentions of the President-elect of the Commission to name Ms. Margrethe Vestager and Mr. Frans Timmermans as the highest ranking Vice-Presidents of the Commission, I hereby formally confirm the nomination of Ms. Margrethe Vestager as Commissioner while also referring to the pleasant discussion I had with the President-elect of the Commission on July 11.

I look forward to cooperating with the new Commission and the Finish Presidency.

Yours sincerely,



Mette Frederiksen

**Commissioner for Competition**

EUROPEAN COMMISSION (2014-2019)

**Mrs. Margrethe Vestager**

**Twitter name:** @vestager

Former Danish Minister for Economic Affairs and the Interior and former Deputy Prime Minister of Denmark



Margrethe Vestager, born OMISSIS in OMISSIS. Married to assistant professor Thomas Jensen MA. The couple has three children: Maria, Rebecca and Ella.

Member of Parliament for the Social Liberal Party in North Zealand greater constituency from November 13th 2007, and in Frederiksborg County constituency November 20th 2001 - November 13th 2007.

**Political career**

Minister for Economic Affairs and the Interior from October 3rd 2011 – September 2nd 2014. Minister for Education December 21st 2000 - November 27th 2001. Minister for Education and Minister for Ecclesiastical Affairs March 23rd 1998 - December 21st 2000. Political leader of the Social Liberal Party and Chairwoman of the parliamentary group from June 2007 - October 2011. Political leader of the Social Liberal Party from October 2011. President of the ECOFIN Council from January 2012 – June 2012.

**Education and jobs**

Master of Science in Economics, University of Copenhagen 1993. Matriculated from Varde Upper Secondary School 1986.  
Head of secretariat with the Agency for Financial Management and Administrative Affairs 1997-1998.  
Special consultant with the same agency 1995-1997. Head of section at the Ministry of Finance 1993-1995.

**Affiliations**

Member of the central board and the executive committee of Social Liberal Party and of the European Affairs Committee from 1989. Unpaid supernumerary at the European Parliament for Social Liberal Party 1991. National chairwoman of Social Liberal Party 1993-1997. Member of the board of directors of 'ID-Sparinvest A/S' 1996-1998. Chairwoman of the Advisory Board, Institute for Management, Politics, and Philosophy 2003-2008. Member of the Board of Advisors, Royal Greenland 2004-2007. Member of the executive committee of UNICEF Denmark 2007-2011. Member of the Trilateral Commission 2010-2011.

**Publication and awards**

Editor of the members' periodical »Radikal Politik« (Social-Liberal Policy), 1990-1991. Author of articles and lectures on politics and political-organisational subjects, including the EU. Also contributed to: »Brud« (Break), 1994, »Værdier i Virkeligheden« (Values in Reality), 2000, »Opbrud på midten« (Departure from the Centre), 2002, and »Epostler« (Epostles), 2003. Portrait based on the Minister's use of Twitter, written by Elisabet Svane, »Hvid Røg, Sort Tårn«.

**Languages**

Native language Danish, professional proficiency in English, and intermediate French.

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