

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-002655/24
to the Commission
Maria Grapini (S&D)
(26 November 2024)**

Subject: Commissioners-designate for the internal market and Consumer Protection

President Ursula von der Leyen has entered her second term in office as head of the European Commission and has presented the portfolios of the new Commissioners.

1. In my capacity as Vice-Chair of the Committee on the internal market and Consumer Protection, I wish to ask a question that has received backing from within my political group, the S&D, and the IMCO Committee. I should like to ask the Commission why there is no Commissioner-designate with a clear portfolio for the internal market or for consumer protection. The Draghi report and the Letta report stress the importance of strengthening and expanding the internal market, which underpinned the creation of the EU. We recently celebrated the 30th anniversary of the internal market, and yet it has been decided there should no longer be a clear portfolio for the EU internal market!
2. Will the Commission rethink the way in which the College of Commissioners is structured, so as to lend the necessary importance to the internal market, which is the cornerstone of the European Union?

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**Answer given by President von der Leyen on behalf of the European Commission
(25 March 2025)**

The Commission remains committed to strengthening and deepening the internal market, which is a cornerstone of the European Union and central to this College's ambitions for European prosperity and competitiveness.

As outlined in his mission letter ⁽¹⁾, the Executive Vice-President for Prosperity and Industrial Strategy is responsible for industry, small and medium-sized enterprises and the single market, and the mission letter of the Commissioner for Democracy, Justice and the Rule of Law and Consumer Protection ⁽²⁾ sets out his responsibility for consumers.

The College of Commissioners is structured to ensure effective coordination and cooperation across all policy areas, with all Commissioners expected to take an active role across all priorities, including the internal market.

The Commission does not intend to revisit the structure of the College of Commissioners as presented by the Commission President to the Conference of Presidents on 17 September 2024 and approved by the European Parliament on 27 November 2024.

The Commission will continue to work closely with the European Parliament, including the Committee on the internal market and Consumer Protection, to ensure that the internal market and consumer protection remain key priorities for the EU.

⁽¹⁾ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/c6589264-e9b1-4024-ba36-b12a59648dd3_en?filename=mission-letter-sejourne.pdf&prefLang=hu
⁽²⁾ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/907fd6b6-0474-47d7-99da-47007ca30d02_en?filename=Mission%20letter%20-%20McGRATH.pdf