



Neste's call to  
action -  
EU priorities 2024-  
2029

# EU institutions – overview

## EU Commission

*“Executive representing the EU”*

- The Commission is the EU’s **primary executive body** and wields the most day-to-day authority.
- Proposes laws, manages the budget, implements decisions, issues regulations, and represents the EU in the world.
- Led by a College of 27 Commissioners (for each Member State) headed by the President of the Commission (Ursula von der Leyen). Similar to prime minister and their cabinet.

## European Parliament

*“Legislative body representing the EU Citizens”*

- The European Parliament is the only directly elected EU body, with representatives apportioned by each Member State’s population.
- The Parliament is a **legislative body** - it can’t propose legislation, but laws can’t pass without its approval.
- The Parliament is organised by political groups, the largest being the EPP (right leaning), Renew (centre) and S&D (left leaning).

## The Council of the European Union

*“Legislative body representing the Member States”*

- The Council of the EU, also known as the Council of Ministers, is another **legislative body** whose approval is needed for EU legislation to pass.
- The Council consists of government ministers from all EU Member States, organized by policy area.
- Council meetings are chaired by the representative of the Member State holding the 6-month known as **the rotating EU Presidency**.

# Where are the “EU Priorities for 2024-2029” to be found?

The new Commission President presents a 5 year agenda called the **Political Guidelines** in the beginning of its term

The political guidelines introduce many policy and legislative initiatives and goals the Commission will seek to implement.

The Commission will consider all new proposals in 2024-2029 against the **new Political Guidelines to be published in July-Sept 2024.**

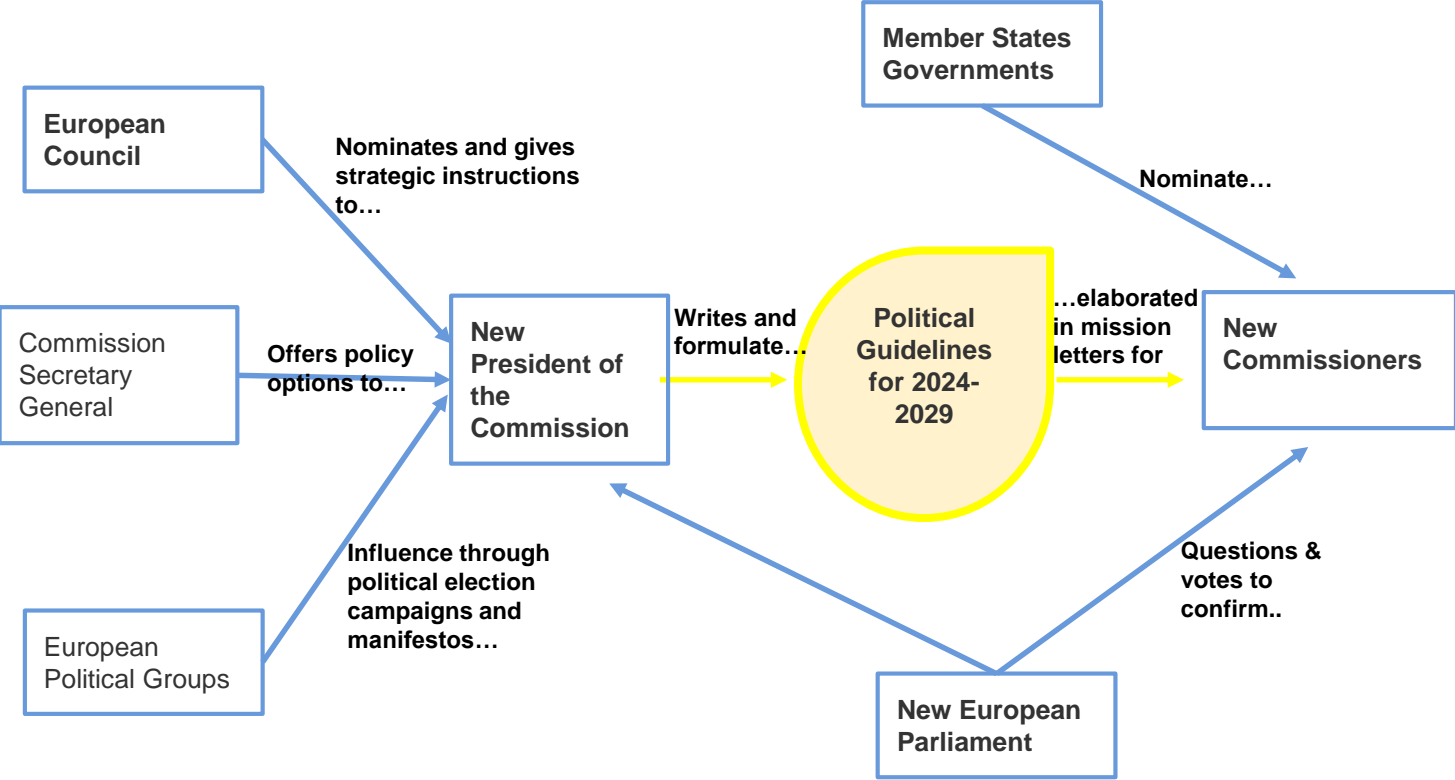


*On 16 July 2019 the President elect Ursula von Der Leyen published her 'Political Guidelines', included flagship initiatives such as the "EU Green Deal."*

# How are the EU Political Guidelines formed?

Directorate Generals (DGs) review the policy needs and options in their competence for the next term and share with the Commission Secretary General.

- DG ENER
- DG GROW
- DG ENVI
- DG etc...



Q3-Q4 2023      Q1-Q2 2024      Q3 2024      Q3 2024      Q4 2024

# College of Commissioners 2024–2029 – who's in, who's out

- **The President of the Commission:** *usually* is from the largest political group in the Parliament and is appointed as a result of high-level political discussions between the Member States.
  - **Ursula von der Leyen** is considered *likely* to continue (but not without challengers: Breton, Metsola...)
  - **Commissioner nominations are national politics:** The 27 Commissioners are nominated by the 27 Member State governments reflecting their party and power politics.
  - **Factors for re-election:** power of their political party in their Member State, popularity in the Member State & Brussels, less than two previous mandates as a Commissioner.
- **Chances of re-election:** In 2014 78% and in 2019 70% Commissioners were new.

# Neste's call to action – influencing the Commission priorities for 2024–2029

**Neste has created a concept paper presenting our messages which include for instance:**

*Full defossilisation of the EU economy by:*

- ❑ Developing feedstock availability (“Biobased Raw Material Act”)
  - ❑ Long-term sectoral targets for renewable energy (fuels) and renewable materials
  - ❑ Fiscal incentives to support renewable and circular carbon uptake
  - ❑ Transition plan for fossil-based refining and chemical industries
- + Many other targeted regulatory measures

**Our advocacy strategy**

*Sharing and discussing Neste's ideas with:*

- Commission (Secretary General, all relevant DGs and units)
- EU Political Groups (party leadership, political advisors, party coordinators, political think tanks etc.)
- Trade associations as potential echo chamber (Fuels Europe, EBB, CEFIC, Plastics Europe etc.)