



**COUNCIL OF  
THE EUROPEAN UNION**



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PRESSE 311

## **Appointments in the context of Croatia's accession to the EU**

The Council today decided<sup>1</sup> on the following appointments in the European Union's institutions in the context of the accession of Croatia:

The Council, having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament and by common accord with the president of the Commission, appointed as a member of the **Commission** Mr Neven MIMICA for the remainder of the current term of office of the Commission (31 October 2014).

It also adopted

- a decision appointing the following 9 Croatian members of the **Economic and Social Committee**, for the period from 1 July 2013 to 20 September 2015: Mr Davor MAJETIĆ, Ms Dragica MARTINOVIC DŽAMONJA, Ms Violeta JELIĆ, Ms Marija HANŽEVAČKI, Ms Anica MILIĆEVIĆ-PEZELJ, Mr Vilim RIBIĆ, Ms Lidija PAVIĆ-ROGOŠIĆ, Ms Marina ŠKRABALO, Mr Toni VIDAN;
- a decision appointing the nine following Croatian members and its alternate members of the **Committee of the Regions**, for the period from 1 July 2013 to 25 January 2015: Ms Snježana BUŽINEC, Mr Nikola DOBROSLAVIĆ, Mr Bruno HRANIĆ, Mr Ivan JAKOVČIĆ, Mr Danijel MARUŠIĆ, Mr Vojko OBERSNEL, Ms Jelena PAVIČIĆ VUKIČEVIĆ, Mr Predrag ŠTROMAR.

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<sup>1</sup> The decisions were taken by written procedure.

**P R E S S**

The Council also adopted a decision amending annex III of its rules of procedure in order to include the figure for the total population of Croatia. That amendment is relevant in relation to the calculation of qualified majority within the Council. According to the EU treaties when a decision is to be taken by qualified majority, and if a member of the Council so requests, it must be verified that the member states constituting the qualified majority represent at least 62 % of the total population of the EU. With the accession of Croatia the 62% threshold increases to around 315.01 million out of a total of roughly 508.08 million ([10392/13](#)). The figure for the population of Croatia is supplied by Eurostat.

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