

Countdown to appoint EU's top jobs

A new EU leadership trio will emerge at the July 14-17 summit with the confirmation of Jean-Claude Juncker as Commission President and nominations revealed for Council President and foreign affairs chief



European Commission President: Jean-Claude Juncker of centre-right *European People's Party* nominated by EU leaders for top job. President will run Brussels bureaucracy and wield new powers to screen national budgets following eurozone debt crisis. Nomination was opposed by Britain and Hungary



European Council President: Expectations that job will go to centre-left *Party of European Socialists* blocked by German chancellor, **Angela Merkel**. Potential candidates now include **Mark Rutte** (above), Dutch prime minister, **Andrus Ansip** (Estonia), **Enda Kenny** (Ireland), **Jyrki Katainen** (Finland)



High Representative for Foreign Affairs: Poland's **Radek Sikorski** (above) is frontrunner after taking tough stance against Russia over Ukraine. Others: **Carl Bildt** (Sweden), **Laurent Fabius** (France), **Franco Frattini** (Italy), **Stefan Fuele** (Czech Rep.), **Kristalina Georgieva** (Bulgaria)

JUL

AUG

SEP

OCT

NOV

DEC

Jul 14-17: European Parliament. MEPs elect Juncker as Commission President

Aug: Member states nominate Commissioners. Total of 28 – one for each EU member state

Oct 20-23: New Commissioners vetted by MEPs. Some could be rejected. Commission confirmed

Nov 1: Commission takes office. Council President and foreign affairs chief chosen.
Dec 1: Council President and High Representative take office