

# EU to decide top two jobs

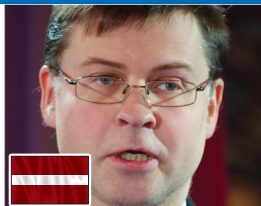
EU leaders will meet at a special summit to choose the two top European Commission jobs for the next half decade – the EU's next foreign policy chief and the president of the European Council

## High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy



**Federica Mogherini**: Italian foreign minister, aged 41, (above left) is front runner for chief diplomat. Social Democrat is one of only five female nominees for 28-member commission. Poland's backing of rival nominee, centre-right foreign minister **Radosław Sikorski**, 51, (centre) could open way for compromise candidate such as Bulgaria's **Kristalina Georgieva**, 61

## President of the European Council



A north-south, east-west campaign to head the council of 28 national leaders pits Danish prime minister **Helle Thorning-Schmidt**, 47, (left) against two former premiers of Baltic states, Latvia's **Valdis Dombrovskis**, 43, (centre) and Estonia's **Andrus Ansip**, 57, (right). Also eligible are Poland's prime minister, **Donald Tusk**, 57, Irish prime minister **Enda Kenny**, 63, and **Jyrki Katainen**, 42, former Finnish prime minister

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**Jul 14-17:**  
**Jean-Claude Juncker**  
elected as  
Commission  
President

**Aug 30:**  
Council  
President  
and foreign  
affairs chief  
chosen

**Sep:** Juncker  
propose s list of  
Commissioners  
**Oct 20-23:** MEPs vote  
to approve or reject new  
Commission College

**Nov 1:** Commission  
takes office  
**Dec 1:** Council  
President and  
foreign affairs chief  
take office