

# EU chooses next leaders

## European Commission president



**Ursula von der Leyen, 60**  
Germany's defence minister

Medical doctor and economist by training. Member of Chancellor **Angela Merkel's Christian Democrats** since 2005

**Goal is for more integrated Europe – but among top priorities will be overseeing implementation of some kind of Brexit**

## Head of European Central Bank



**Christine Lagarde, 63**  
Managing director of IMF

Background in law. Appointed France's trade minister in 2005 and finance minister in 2007, before becoming first woman to head IMF in 2011

**No formal training in economics but widely regarded as tough and energetic negotiator**

## European Council president



**Charles Michel, 43**  
Belgium's acting prime minister

Member of francophone liberal party appointed Belgium's youngest prime minister in 2014, aged 38

**Deft coalition-builder will draw on experience of Belgium's fractious politics to broker deals between sharply divided groups of EU leaders**

## EU foreign policy chief



**Josep Borrell, 72**  
Spain's foreign minister

Began career as member of Spanish Socialist Party in 1975. President of EU Parliament from 2004-07

**Outspoken opponent of Catalonia's secession will have to oversee dialogue between Serbia and Kosovo, whose independence Spain does not recognise**