

Europe's search for next IMF chief

The search for a European candidate to replace Christine Lagarde at the helm of the International Monetary Fund has narrowed down to three candidates ahead of a September 6 deadline



Jeroen Dijsselbloem
*Former Dutch
finance minister*

Ex-head of Eurogroup would have to overcome doubts in southern Europe about his economic approach



Kristalina Georgieva
*Bulgarian chief
executive of World Bank*

Candidacy would require change in IMF rules that prevents appointment of managing director over age of 65

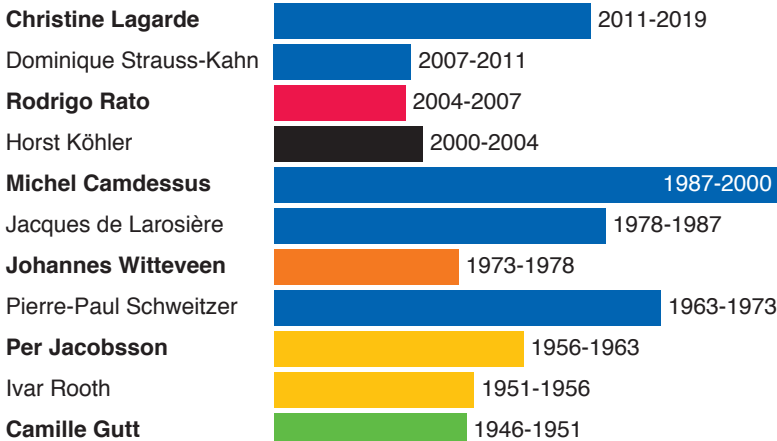


Olli Rehn
*Head of Finland's
central bank*

Likely to compete with Dijsselbloem for backing of north European countries

European nationals traditionally take helm at IMF as part of informal agreement whereby U.S. national holds presidency of World Bank

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