

EUROPEAN COMMISSION



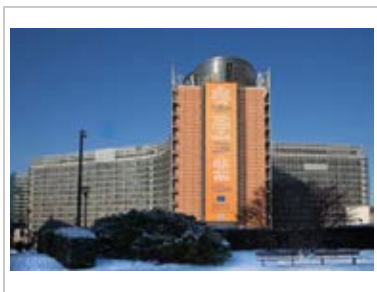
**WHO** 27 Commissioners delegated by each Member State. Each commissioner is responsible for one portfolio. President: **Jose Manuel Durao Baroso**, 2004-2014, Portugal.

**WHAT** Proposes legislation and sends it to the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union and implements decisions. Represents the European Union outside Europe and negotiates trade agreements. Implements the budget. Sets objectives and priorities for action. The **33 Departments (Directorates-General, or DGs) and 11 Services** oversee day-to-day operations of the EU in specific areas, for example creating statistics or fighting fraud.

**WHEN** Commissioners meet once a week.

**WHERE** Berlaymont Building in Brussels; see below.

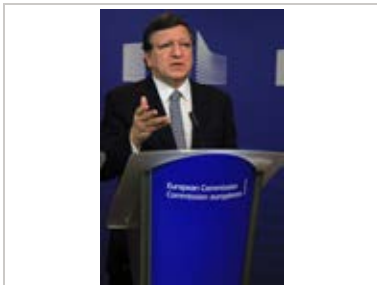
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