



Committee on Employment and Social Affairs  
Committee on Culture and Education  
The Chairs

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Bernd Lange  
Chair  
Conference of Committee Chairs

Dear Chair,

The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs and the Committee on Culture and Education, in accordance with Rule 129 of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament, held a public confirmation hearing on Tuesday, 12 November 2024 with Roxana MÎNZATU, Commissioner-designate, who, subject to the positive outcome of the nomination procedure, will be responsible for People, Skills and Preparedness.

On 16 October, the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs and the Committee on Culture and Education, pursuant to Rule 129 of the Rules of Procedure and Article 2 of Annex VII thereto, received the letter from the Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs regarding the scrutiny of the declaration of financial interests of Ms Mînzatu.

Prior to the confirmation hearing, Parliament had sent the Commissioner-designate a list of written questions. Our committees noted that Ms Mînzatu answered those questions and dealt with the priorities outlined in a satisfactory manner.

The course of the confirmation hearing is described in the verbatim transcript of the proceedings.

On the basis of the responses of the Members present at the confirmation hearing, as well as the comments made by our committees' coordinators, who met in camera after the confirmation hearing under our chairmanship, we hereby give a positive assessment of her personal qualifications, European commitment, initiative and ability to communicate.

However, both committees request to change the current title of the Commissioner's-designate portfolio.

From the EMPL Committee perspective, the title does not reflect entirely her future responsibilities, namely the aim of strengthening the European Pillar of Social Rights, in particular

with respect to jobs and social rights. It is of utmost importance to ensure consistent contributions of the many Commissioners-designate to social and employment policies targeting the labour market and the welfare state.

For the CULT Committee, Education policy is key to providing access to learning and delivering effective and relevant knowledge, skills, values and competences, contributing to better prepared and resilient future generations. Therefore, Education should be part of the title of the portfolio.

While the prerogative for defining the portfolio of Commissioners lays with the Commission President, the EMPL and CULT Committees would like to request the change of the title of the portfolio from “People, Skills and Preparedness” into the following title: “Quality Jobs, Social Rights, Education, Skills and Preparedness”.

Opinions of committees invited to participate in the confirmation hearing are in the annex.

The general outcome of this confirmation hearing is that the Commissioner-designate gave a convincing impression of her aptitude to be a member of the College of Commissioners and to carry out the specific tasks assigned to her.

In accordance with Rule 129 of the Rules of Procedure and Article 5 of Annex VII thereto, the EMPL and CULT coordinators representing a large majority of at least two thirds of committee members belonging to a political group approved that the Commissioner-designate Roxana Mînzatu, is qualified both to be a member of the College of Commission and to carry out the specific tasks assigned to her.

The minority view of the Europe Sovereign Nations Group is annexed to this letter.

We would like to thank you in advance for transmitting this evaluation letter to the Conference of Presidents.



Li Andersson  
EMPL Chair



Nela Riehl  
CULT Chair

cc: Javier ZARZALEJOS, Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Lina GÁLVEZ, Chair of the Committee on Women’s Rights and Gender Equality

Annexes:

- Opinions of LIBE and FEMM
- Minority view of ESN

Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality  
The Chair

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**Addressees**

*Li Andersson, Chair of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs*  
*Nela Riehl, Committee on Culture and Education*

The Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality, invited to the confirmation hearing of Executive Vice-President-designate for People, Skills and Preparedness Roxana Mînzatu, which took place on 12 November 2024, considers that the Executive Vice-President-designate is qualified to be member of the College and is qualified to carry out the particular duties she has been assigned in the field of FEMM committee's competence.

This opinion has been adopted by Coordinators representing at least a simple majority of committee members belonging to a political group.



Lina Gálvez  
Chair of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs  
The Chairman

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*Ms Li ANDERSSON*  
*Chair of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL)*

*Ms Nela RIEHL*  
*Chair of the Committee on Culture and Education (CULT)*

**Subject: LIBE Committee opinion on the Confirmation Hearing of Roxana MÎNZATU**

Dear Ms ANDERSSON,  
Dear Ms RIEHL,

The Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) was invited to the confirmation hearing of the Executive Vice-President-designate for People, Skills and Preparedness, Roxana MÎNZATU, which took place on Tuesday 12 November 2024.

In the light of her replies to LIBE-related questions, the Committee considers that the Executive Vice-President-designate is qualified to be a member of the College and is qualified to carry out the particular duties she has been assigned in the LIBE Committee's remit.

This opinion has been adopted by Coordinators representing a majority of committee members belonging to a political group.

Yours sincerely,



Javier ZARZALEJOS  
Chair of the LIBE Committee

cc:

Bernd LANGE, Conference of Committee Chairs  
Committee Coordination and Legislative Programming Unit (Coordleg)

MINORITY VIEW OF THE ESN GROUP ON THE EVALUATION OF ROXANA  
MÎNZATU, COMMISSIONER-DESIGNATE FOR PEOPLE, SKILLS AND PREPAREDNESS  
(Article 5.4(c) of ANNEX VII to the Rules of Procedure)

What we expect from a Commissioner-Designate is that he or she should demonstrate his or her professional knowledge and experience, and that he or she should carry out his or her duties in the relevant professional field and assist the Member States, regardless of the political side of the governments elected by each Member State. During the hearing, Ms Minzatu gave evidence of her preparation and competence, but politically she was not able to detach herself from the political debate between Ms von der Leyen and the Hungarian Government and to give a professional answer to the questions of the ESN Group and to find a solution to the problem that had arisen. Therefore, the ESN Group cannot support the candidacy of Ms Minzatu for the post of Executive Vice-President.