



BRIEFING NOTE: Dacian CIOLOS

Name	Dacian CIOLOS 
First time Commissioner?	Yes.
Date of Hearing	Friday 15 January 9.00-12.00
Country	Romania
Political Party	Partidul National Liberal (ALDE)
Previous Romanian Commissioner	Leonard Orban
Portfolio	Agriculture and Rural Development
Services	DG Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI)
Personal details	Born July 27, 1969 in Zalau, Romania Married
Current duties	Since July 2009: Head of the Presidential Commission on Agricultural Development Public Policy of Romania
Political career	2007 - 2008: Agriculture and Rural Development Minister 2007: Undersecretary of State for European Affairs with the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
Professional career	2005 – 2007: Adviser to Romania's Agriculture Minister and Spokesman of Romania in the Special Committee on Agriculture of the EU Council 2002 – 2003: Task Manager SAPARD, Delegation of the European Commission to Romania 1999 – 2001: Coordinator of bilateral cooperation projects for the local agricultural development in Romania 1998 -1999: Manager of the Rural Local Development Project in the County of Arges, Romania March -July 1997: Stagiaire, DG Agriculture and Rural Development of the European Commission

	1995 : Consultant for Socio-Economic Analysis for Agricultural and Rural Development Project in the County of Arges, Romania
Education	<p>October 2005: Certificate in Agricultural Trade Course, World Bank Institute and the University of Rome 3</p> <p>1997 : DEA - Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies - in Agricultural Development Economics, École nationale supérieure agronomique and University of Montpellier 1</p> <p>1996 : Certificat d'Etudes Supérieures Spécialisées in Environmental Agronomy, École nationale supérieure agronomique de Rennes</p> <p>1994: University Degree in Horticultural Engineering, Horticulture Faculty of the University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Cluj-Napoca,</p> <p>1987: Bacalaureate, Agro-Industrial High school, Simleu Silvaniei</p>
Languages	<p>Romanian: mother tongue</p> <p>French: fluent</p> <p>English: good</p>
FYI....	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ His public candidature for the agriculture portfolio was rather precocious, as it came before Mariann Fischer Boel's announcement that she would be stepping down from her Commission post. Even so, according to the Romanian Foreign Minister, Cristian Diaconescu, Dacian Cioloş already enjoys the support of France, Italy, Germany, Poland and Bulgaria, who would all be happy to have him as Agriculture Commissioner. The fact that the French government has recently shifted its support to Ireland for obtaining the agriculture portfolio will impact on Romania's chances of being offered this key post. ▪ Internally, he is regarded as an efficient technocrat, well acquainted with the European mechanisms in the agricultural sector. Externally, however, he is not seen as a heavy-weight in the area of agriculture, especially when compared to other potential candidates for this portfolio, e.g. the possible Austrian candidate Wilhelm Molterer. His more technocratic profile is also seen as a weakness, particularly in view of the European Parliament's investment vote, which is usually closely related to the political affiliation of the candidates. ▪ As a major receiver of European funds, it is highly unlikely that Romania will be receiving any portfolio that would involve the allocation of EU funding. ▪ Praised by Barroso for his 'modern vision' of agriculture

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