



BRIEFING NOTE: Viviane REDING

Name	Viviane REDING 
First time Commissioner?	No, third time commissioner, previously Commissioner for Information Society and Media (2004-2009) and Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth, Media and Sports (1999-2004)
Date of Hearing	Tuesday 12 January 13.00-16.00
Country	Luxembourg
Political Party	Chrëstlech Sozial Vollekspartei (EPP)
Previous Luxembourg Commissioner	Viviane Reding
Portfolio	Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship. Vice-President of the Commission
Services	Directorates D and E of DG Justice, Liberty and Security (JLS) (Directorate A will serve both the Home Affairs portfolio and the Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship portfolio); The Consumer Contract and Marketing Law SANCO B.2 moves to DG JLS from DG Health and Consumers (SANCO) The Equality between Men/Women, Action against Discrimination, Civil Society Directorate EMPL European Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA); European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE); European Judicial Cooperation Unit (EUROJUST); DG Communication (COMM); The Citizenship Unit EAC D.4 and the Visitors Unit EAC D.5 move to DG COMM from DG Education and Culture (EAC). Publications Office (OP).
Personal details	born April 27, 1951 in Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg 3 children, divorced
Current duties	Member of the European Commission responsible for Information Society and Media

Political career	<p>Since November 2004: Member of the European Commission responsible for Information Society and Media</p> <p>1999-2004: Member of the European Commission responsible for Education, Culture, Youth, Media, Sport</p> <p>1989-1999: Member of the European Parliament</p> <p>1995-1999: Vice-president, Parti Chrétien-Social, Luxembourg</p> <p>1988-1993: National president of Christian-Social Women, Luxembourg</p> <p>1981-1999: City councillor, city of Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg</p> <p>1979-1989: Member of the Parliament of Luxembourg</p>
Professional career	<p>2009 Member of the Global Council of the Women's Forum</p> <p>2009 Member of the Board of Les Journées d'Echternach (association sans but lucratif)</p> <p>2007 Member of the Board of Chapelle Musicale Reine Elisabeth (fondation d'utilité publique)</p> <p>1978-1999: Journalist, Luxemburger Wort</p> <p>1986-1998: President, Luxembourg Union of Journalists</p>
Education	1977: Doctor of human sciences, Sorbonne, Paris
Languages	<p>Luxembourgish: mother tongue</p> <p>French: fluent</p> <p>German: fluent</p> <p>English: fluent</p> <p>Italian: good knowledge</p>
FYI....	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This will mark her third Commission term. ▪ As Commissioner for Information Society and Media, she has become a high profile champion of the single European Market in the Digital Economy. She also led the European Union's drive to reduce roaming charges. ▪ In January 2008, she outlined a new policy framework to support the creative production of content online. She took the international lead on issues such as internet security, combating film piracy and promoting eHealth. Moreover, she has also pleaded for policy frameworks using ICTs to promote Energy Efficiency and to develop safer, smarter and cleaner road transport through the Intelligent Car Initiative. ▪ However, she has not managed to avoid political controversy completely. In 2008, the European Parliament voted in favour of the Telecom Package including amendment 138, which would prevent anyone being cut off from the Internet without a court decision. Reding commented afterwards that she hoped she could force the removal of the amendment, which to some observers appeared as if she was looking to overrule the democratic process in the European Parliament.

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