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Delegations will find in the Annex a letter from Mr Andrej PLENKOVIĆ, Prime Minister of Croatia, suggesting Ms Dubravka ŠUICA as Member of the Commission.

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27-08-2024GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
THE PRIME MINISTER

Zagreb, 26 August 2024

*Dear Ms von der Leyen,**Dear Mr Bóka,*

Following the letter of 24 July 2024, it is my pleasure to inform you that the Government of the Republic of Croatia decided at its session on 22 August 2024 to nominate Ms Dubravka Šuica as the candidate for a Member of the European Commission. Prior to the decision of the Government, Ms Šuica's candidature was also positively assessed by the European Affairs Committee of the Croatian Parliament.

Our decision to nominate again Ms Šuica for this uniquely important position speaks of the results of her work as Vice-President of the European Commission for Democracy and Demography. Beside her role in the Commission, Ms Šuica has held the position of Vice President of the European People's Party (EPP). I am particularly pleased that Ms Šuica was also once more elected to the European Parliament, making this the fourth time that she has gained the trust of the Croatian citizens. At these elections, the list of Croatian Democratic Union (HDZ), which I personally carried, achieved the best result within the EPP family, winning 6 out of 12 available MEPs mandates.

I am convinced that Ms Šuica's extensive political experience at the national and European level, as well as her leadership and expertise, will highly benefit the new Commission. I am pleased that our proposal also takes into account the diversity and gender balance within the new College of Commissioners. I look forward to our upcoming discussions regarding Ms Šuica's portfolio in the new Commission's architecture. Ms Šuica's Curriculum Vitae is attached herewith.

Dear President von der Leyen,

Allow me to once more congratulate you on your re-election as President of the European Commission. I am confident that your continued efforts in the next five years, along with the new College of Commissioners, will make the European Union stronger and more capable to address all the challenges and seize the opportunities that lie ahead.

*Her Excellency Ms Ursula von der Leyen
President of the European Commission*

*His Excellency Mr János Bóka
President of the Council*

*CC:
Ms Thérèse Blanchet
Secretary-General of the Council*

I wish you and your team continued success in setting up the new Commission, as well as in your future work for the benefit of the European Union and its citizens. As always, you will have Croatia's and my personal support in your efforts.

Sincerely yours,



Andrej Plenković



Curriculum vitae

- Dubravka Šuica, prof.
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Education

- 1981 - graduated in English and German Studies at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Zagreb

Career

- 2019 - Vice President of the European Commission for Democracy and Demography;
- 2019 - 2019 - Vice President of the EPP Group in the European Parliament;
- 2016 - 2019 - Vice President of the Committee on Foreign Affairs in the European Parliament (AFET);
- 2013 - 2019 - Member of the European Parliament and Head of Croatian EPP delegation;
- 2009 - 2015 - Councillor in the City Council of the City of Dubrovnik;
- 2006 - 2009 - Councillor in the County Assembly of the Dubrovnik-Neretva County;
- 2004 - 2014 - Vice President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe;
- 2001 - 2009 - Mayor of the City of Dubrovnik;
- 2000 - 2011 - Member of the Croatian Parliament;
- 1998 - 2001 - Councillor in the County Assembly of the Dubrovnik-Neretva County;

- 1998 – 2000 – German language professor at the Rochester Institute of Technology Croatia in Dubrovnik (American College);
- 1997 – 1998 – Councillor in the City Council of the City of Dubrovnik,
- 1996 – 2000 – Headmaster of the Dubrovnik Gymnasium;
- 1992 – 2000 – English language professor at the Faculty of Maritime Studies in Dubrovnik;
- 1990– 1993 – Member of Council of Excellence of Dubrovnik Municipality, in charge of education
- 1981 – 1992 – Professor of English and German language

Party responsibilities

- 2022 – Vice President of the European People's Party;
- 2012 – Vice President of the EPP Women;
- 2020 – Member of the HDZ National Committee;
- 2012 – 2019 – President of HDZ Committee on Foreign and European Affairs;
- 2012 – 2016 – Vice President of HDZ;
- 1998 – 2014 – President of HDZ Dubrovnik;
- 1990 – Member of the Croatian Democratic Union (HDZ)

Languages

- English;
- German.

Other

- 2010 – Golden Charter "Linus Pauling" with Golden Badge of the International League of Humanists
- 2009 – World Mayor Award
- 2006 – TOP 10 World Mayors Award
- 2005 – Knight of the European Order of Wine – Croatian Knightly Consulate
- 2005 – Mayor of the Year
- 2005– Tourism Flower – Quality for Croatia Award