

European Parliament: 25 figures to watch

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May's [European election](#) is the first step of a changing of the guard in Brussels, with new leaders appointed to all the major EU institutions.

In this interactive graphic, we profile 25 political figures to watch during and after the election. They are selected in an unsystematic way, but aim to give a flavour of the new parliament: its old guard and budding stars, its power brokers and iconoclasts, its federalist core and political fringe.

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Sylvie Goulard



Member of the economic and monetary affairs committee

Nationality: French

A French liberal who has become a leading member of the parliament's economics committee, Sylvie Goulard became highly influential in shaping eurozone crisis legislation as it moved through the parliamentary process. She became a major foil to the German-led crisis response at the height of the crisis, attempting to put solutions disliked by Berlin, including eurozone-wide bonds backed by all 17 countries, on to the agenda. More recently, she pushed for streamlining the EU's new bank rescue system against German objections.

Beyond her eurozone crisis work, Ms Goulard has become a leading spokesperson for "more Europe" in response to populist challenges, publishing a book recently with then Italian prime minister Mario Monti which, in part, argued for more democratic accountability in Brussels, mainly through empowering the European Parliament itself. She is also co-founder of the Spinelli Group, a cross-party association of Brussels' leading federalists.

