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Hi [REDACTED],  
Here's our script proposal.

**TITLE:** Parliament elects Ursula von der Leyen as head of European Commission

**PRESENTATION:** The European Parliament voted to confirm Ursula von der Leyen as the president of the European Commission. The **former** German minister will be head of the Commission for the next five years.

**KEYWORDS:** Strasbourg, plenary session, Ursula von der Leyen, European Commission, Green Deal, gender equality, Spitzenkandidat, emissions, environment, Philippe Lamberts, Manfred Weber, Raffaele Fitto, Iratxe García Pérez, Dacian Cioloș, Jörg Meuthen, Martin Schirdewan

**SCRIPT:**  
( Image von der Leyen elected, Sassoli announcing results)

The European Parliament elected Ursula von der Leyen as European Commission president with 383 votes to 327, and 22 abstentions.

QUOTE SASSOLI

"Mrs von der Leyen, I congratulate you in the name of the Parliament for your election. The next years are going to be very important for the future of the Union, and our action will only be successful if there is close cooperation between the European institutions."

To convince MEPs, she had laid out plans for a European Green Deal against climate change, vowed to ensure gender parity in her college of commissioners and called for **improvements to the** 'lead candidates' system.

QUOTE VON DER LEYEN

**Over 200 million people voted in the European elections. Europe has influence. Europe wants to take responsibility for itself in the world. People want to see that we make progress. This is why I need your help and your support, and I call on all Europeans to play their part. Es lebe Europa. Vive l'Europe. Long live Europe.**

Manfred Weber, the leader of the EPP group, had said that they would be supporting her nomination.

#### **MANFRED WEBER EPP**

**Europe needs to act. Europe needs stability. For us Christian Democrats it's a new start. We want to roll up our sleeves and work with Ursula von der Leyen as the president of the Commission.**

The Socialists and the Renew Europe group in the Parliament also lent her their support.

#### **IRATXE GARCÍA PÉREZ S&D**

**We don't want an institutional crisis that will just further delay the changes that Europe needs. But we do need guarantees that over the next few years Europe will be able to confront the challenges that it faces.**

#### **DACIAN CIOLOȘ – RENEW EUROPE**

**Our group is prepared to support you if you are able to show the necessary courage and strength to give Europe its independence.**

But not all of the political groups supported her candidacy.

#### **PHILIPPE LAMBERTS – GREENS**

**To sum up, what we need is a total change of course in order to confront a triple threat to our society, environment and democracy, when what you are suggesting are just minor changes and above all nothing concrete.**

#### **JÖRG MEUTHEN – IDENTITY AND DEMOCRACY**

**With a speech flirting with socialism like that, you won't be able to convince the ID group, and that's why we will vote against you.**

#### **RAFFAELE FITTO – ECR**

**You said a few days ago that you respected the role of parliament, and you rightly said that it's the heart of democracy. But I would say that things can only work if everyone respects the system.**

#### **MARTIN SCHIRDEWAN – GUE/NGL**

**I think, and it's become quite clear today, that our project for the future of the Union – for a social Union, for a Union that respects the climate, for a peaceful Union – is not compatible with yours, and that is why we will unfortunately not be able to vote for you today.**

Having successfully clinched the required overall majority of the votes, von der Leyen will head the European Commission for the next five years.

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