

who are Europe's current leaders? aa

European Parliament president – Roberta Metsola

Term: January 2022 – June 2024

Elected by: Members of the European Parliament

Role:

- Ensures parliamentary procedures are properly followed
- Oversees Parliament's various activities and committees
- Represents Parliament in all legal matters and in its international relations
- Gives final assent to the EU budget

European Council president – Charles Michel

Term: June 2022 – November 2024

Appointed by: national leaders (heads of state or government of EU countries).

Role:

- Leads the European Council's work in setting the EU's general political direction and priorities – in cooperation with the Commission
- Promotes cohesion and consensus within the European Council
- Represents the EU externally on foreign and security issues



European Commission president – Ursula von der Leyen

Term: December 2019 – October 2024

Appointed by: national leaders (heads of state or government of EU countries), with the approval of the European Parliament.

Role:

- Gives political guidance to the Commission
- Calls and chairs meetings of the college of the Commissioners
- Leads the Commission's work in implementing EU policies
- Takes part in G7 meetings
- Contributes to major debates both in the European Parliament and between EU governments in the Council of the European Union

Presidency of the Council of the EU

