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Christian Lindner, Michael Gove and Muriel Pénicaud top POLITICO’s third annual list of people who will transform European life and politics in the upcoming year

Brussels, Belgium — POLITICO’s European edition, a joint venture between POLITICO and Axel Springer, unveiled today the POLITICO 28 Class of 2018: the list of doers, disrupters and dreamers who will transform European life, politics and ideas.

“The POLITICO 28 is our guide to the people to watch in 2018,” said Matthew Kaminski, POLITICO’s European executive editor. “As the year that just passed, 2018 is likely to be full of political drama and surprise — and on our annual list you’ll find rebels and establishmentarians, liberals and conservatives, as well people outside the political game who’ll surely have an outsized impact on it. We never endorse but we do call it the way we see it, and hope that as in past years, the Class of 2018 spurs conversation as well as some dissent.”

The 2018 POLITICO 28 are: Christian Lindner (Germany), Michael Gove (United Kingdom), Muriel Pénicaud (France), Mark Rutte (the Netherlands), Laura Boldrini (Italy), Anuška Delić (Slovenia), Jyrki Katainen (Finland), Galina Timchenko (Russia), António Costa (Portugal), Guy Verhofstadt (Belgium), Armin Wolf (Austria), Etienne Schneider (Luxembourg), Meral Akşener (Turkey), Zbigniew Ziobro (Poland), Simon Harris (Ireland), Ana Botín (Spain), Flavia Kleiner (Switzerland), Olga Sehnalová (Czech Republic), Lajos Simicska (Hungary), Euclid Tsakalotos (Greece), Evgeny Morozov (Belarus), Khalifa Haftar (Libya), Eerik-Niiles Kross (Estonia), Mina Andreeva (Bulgaria), Tino Sanandaji (Sweden), René Redzepi (Denmark), Mirga Gražinytė-Tyla (Lithuania) and Litos Papastylianou (Cyprus).

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