



Protecting Children and Young Persons Online in Europe

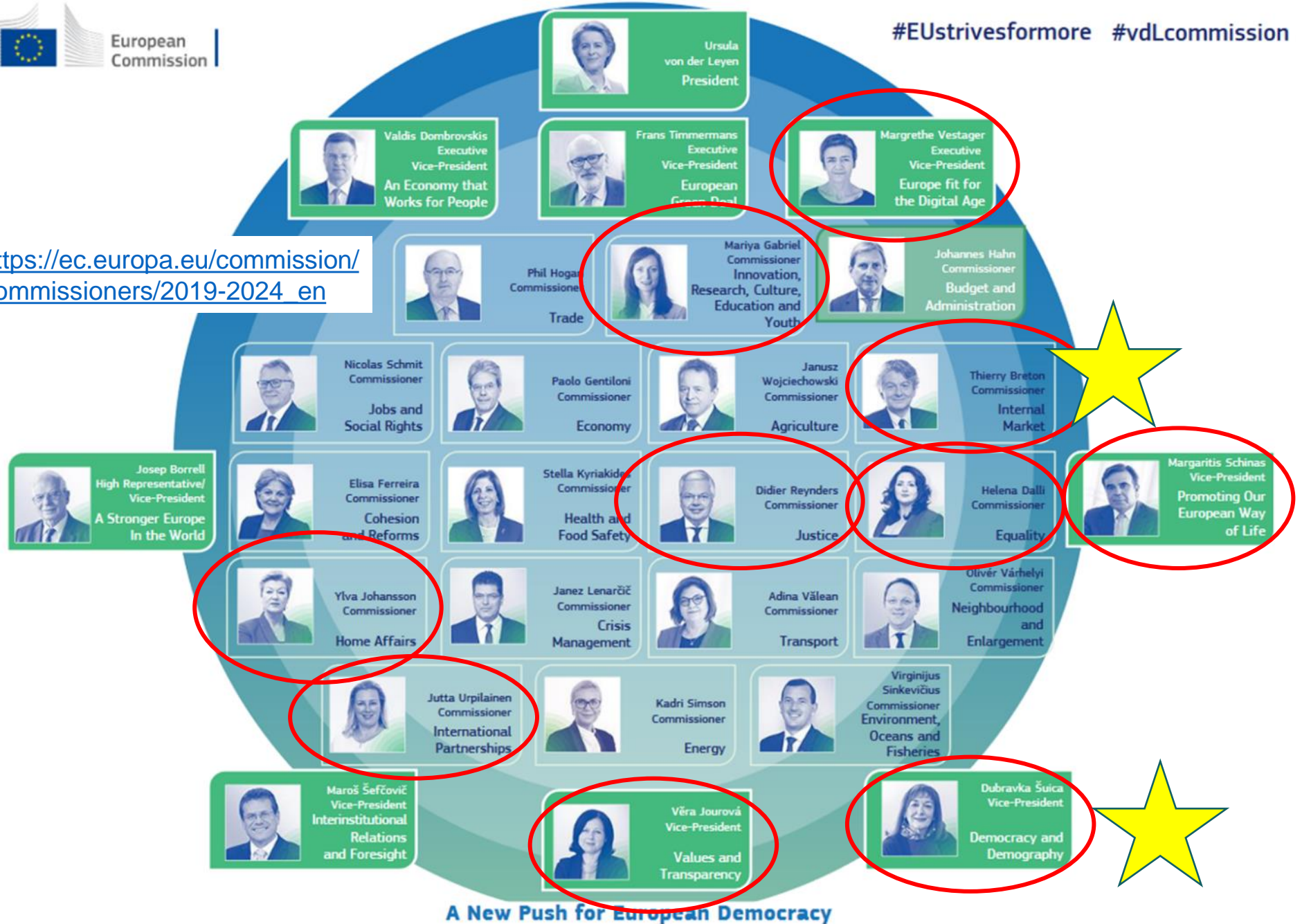
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This Commission's six headline ambitions in the Political Guidelines 2019-2024

A European Green Deal

Becoming the first climate-neutral continent

A Europe fit for the digital age

Grasping the opportunities from the digital age within safe and ethical boundaries

An economy that works for the people

Working for social fairness and prosperity

A stronger Europe in the world

Strengthening our unique brand of responsible global leadership

Promoting our European way of life

Promoting a Union of diversity, standing up for justice and our values

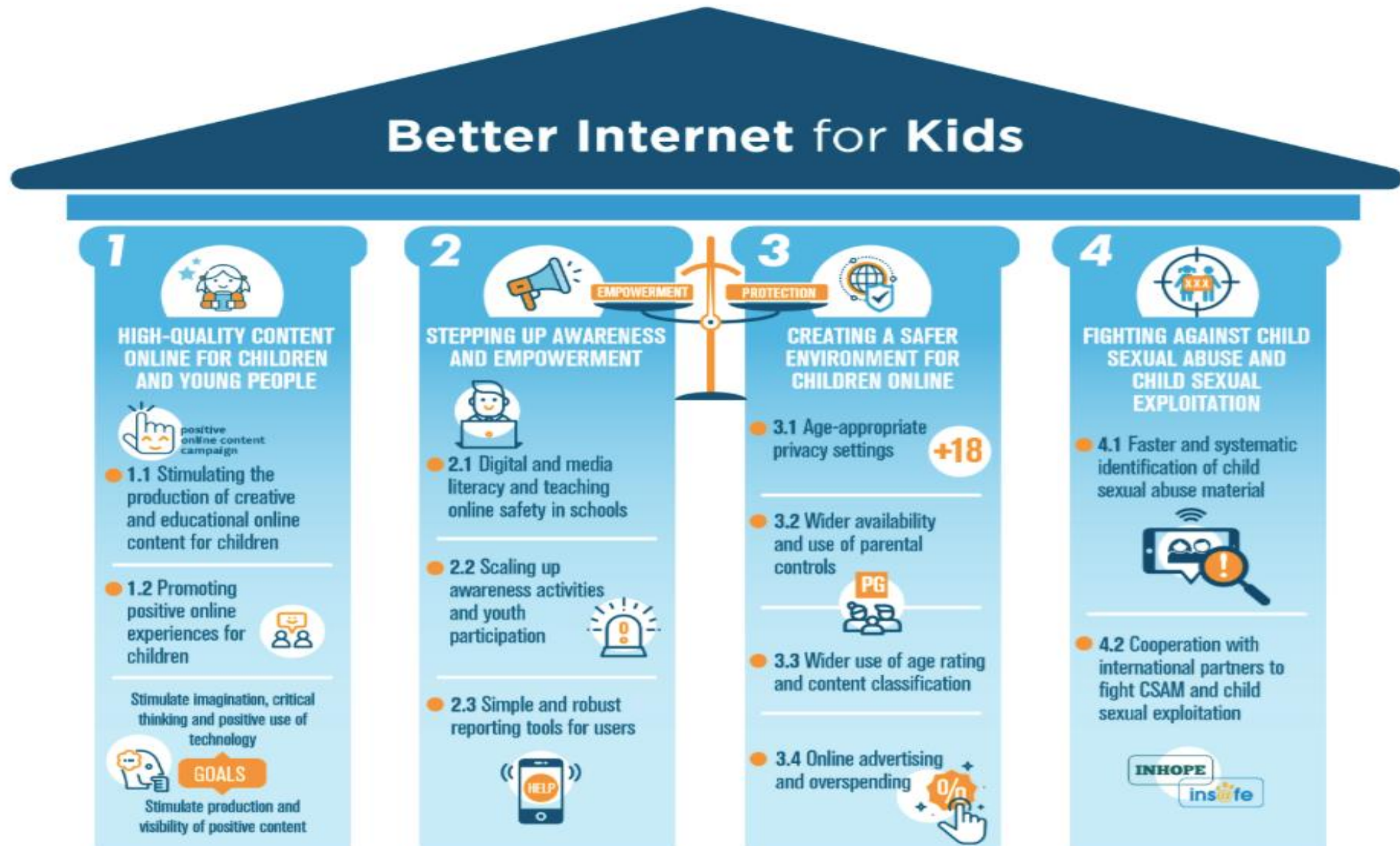
A new push for European democracy

Nurturing, protecting and strengthening our democracy

https://ec.europa.eu/info/priorities_en

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/political-guidelines-next-commission_en_0.pdf

The BIK strategy 2012 COM/2012/0196 final



Tools for putting the strategy in action

- The European **Strategy** for a Better Internet for Children
- EU **laws** to protect children online, e.g. Directive 2011/93/EU on combating the sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children and child pornography, Audiovisual Media Services Directive (AVMSD), the GDPR, commercial practices, new Digital Services Act
- **Funding:** coordination & portal plus Safer Internet Centres in EU + Iceland + Norway
<https://www.betterinternetforkids.eu/web/portal/policy/insafe-inhope>
- **Cooperation** – with MS & with industry & civil society
([Alliance to better protect minors online](#))
- **International cooperation imperative!** (UN, ITU, OECD, Council of Europe, media regulators, Children's Commissioners...)



Thank you



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