

# Who is Martin Selmayr and why is he called the monster?

Martin Selmayr has developed a fearsome reputation in Brussels, casting an authoritarian reign as Mr Juncker's chief of staff despite remaining relatively unknown to the public.

But his brutal style of ruling – demanding that access to Mr Juncker for even the most senior EU officials is first channelled through him – has also led to a queue of enemies.

His style has led to a variety of nicknames by colleagues, including 'Darth Vader' and 'Rasputin'.

Former European Commission vice president Kristalina Georgieva blamed her resignation on his aggressive style, which she branded 'poisonous'.

British officials have accused Mr Selmayr, who has privately expressed his dislike of Brexit, of 'hating' the UK while describing him as a 'psychopath'.

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