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<p><b>FOREIGN AFFAIRS</b> 76 MEMBERS</p>  <p>ELMAR BROK EPP GERMANY <b>NEW</b></p>	<p><b>DEVELOPMENT</b> 30 MEMBERS</p>  <p>EVA JOLY GREENS/EFA FRANCE</p>	<p><b>INTERNATIONAL TRADE</b> 31 MEMBERS</p>  <p>VITAL MOREIRA S&amp;D PORTUGAL</p>	<p><b>BUDGETS</b> 43 MEMBERS</p>  <p>ALAIN LAMASSOURE EPP FRANCE</p>	<p><b>BUDGETARY CONTROL</b> 30 MEMBERS</p>  <p>MICHAEL THEURER ALDE GERMANY <b>NEW</b></p>
<p><b>ECONOMIC &amp; MONETARY AFFAIRS</b> 48 MEMBERS</p>  <p>SHARON BOWLES ALDE UK</p>	<p><b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; SOCIAL AFFAIRS</b> 49 MEMBERS</p>  <p>PERVENCHE BERÈS S&amp;D FRANCE</p>	<p><b>ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH &amp; FOOD</b> 69 MEMBERS</p>  <p>MATTHIAS GROOTE S&amp;D GERMANY <b>NEW</b></p>	<p><b>INDUSTRY, RESEARCH &amp; ENERGY</b> 61 MEMBERS</p>  <p>AMALIA SARTORI EPP ITALY <b>NEW</b></p>	<p><b>INTERNAL MARKET &amp; CONSUMERS</b> 41 MEMBERS</p>  <p>MALCOLM HARBOUR ECR UK</p>
<p><b>TRANSPORT &amp; TOURISM</b> 47 MEMBERS</p>  <p>BRIAN SIMPSON S&amp;D UK</p>	<p><b>REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT</b> 50 MEMBERS</p>  <p>DANUTA HÜBNER EPP POLAND</p>	<p><b>AGRICULTURE &amp; RURAL DEVELOPMENT</b> 44 MEMBERS</p>  <p>PAOLO DE CASTRO S&amp;D ITALY</p>	<p><b>FISHERIES</b> 25 MEMBERS</p>  <p>GABRIEL MATO ADROVER EPP SPAIN <b>NEW</b></p>	<p><b>CULTURE &amp; EDUCATION</b> 31 MEMBERS</p>  <p>DORIS PACK EPP GERMANY</p>
<p><b>LEGAL AFFAIRS</b> 25 MEMBERS</p>  <p>KLAUS-HEINER LEHNE EPP GERMANY</p>	<p><b>CIVIL LIBERTIES, JUSTICE, HOME AFFAIRS</b> 60 MEMBERS</p>  <p>JUAN FERNANDO LÓPEZ AGUILAR S&amp;D SPAIN</p>	<p><b>CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS</b> 24 MEMBERS</p>  <p>CARLO CASINI EPP ITALY</p>	<p><b>WOMEN'S RIGHTS &amp; GENDER EQUALITY</b> 35 MEMBERS</p>  <p>MIKAEL GUSTAFSSON GUE/NGL SWEDEN</p>	<p><b>PETITIONS</b> 35 MEMBERS</p>  <p>ERMINIA MAZZONI EPP ITALY</p>
<p><b>HUMAN RIGHTS SUB-COMMITTEE</b> 31 MEMBERS</p>  <p>BARBARA LOCHBIHLER GREENS/EFA GERMANY</p>	<p><b>SECURITY &amp; DEFENCE SUB-COMMITTEE</b> 31 MEMBERS</p>  <p>ARNAUD DANJEAN EPP FRANCE</p>			

**POLITICAL GROUP LEADERS**

<p><b>EUROPEAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (EPP)</b> 271 MEMBERS</p>  <p>JOSEPH DAUL FRANCE</p>	<p><b>SOCIALISTS &amp; DEMOCRATS (S&amp;D)</b> 190 MEMBERS</p>  <p>HANNES SWOBODA AUSTRIA <b>NEW</b></p>	<p><b>LIBERALS &amp; DEMOCRATS (ALDE)</b> 85 MEMBERS</p>  <p>GUY VERHOFSTADT BELGIUM</p>	<p><b>GREENS / EUROPEAN FREE ALLIANCE (GREENS/EFA) - CO-PRESIDENTS</b> 58 MEMBERS</p>  <p>DANIEL COHN-BENDIT FRANCE</p>  <p>REBECCA HARMS GERMANY</p>	
<p><b>CONSERVATIVES &amp; REFORMISTS (ECR)</b> 53 MEMBERS</p>  <p>MARTIN CALLANAN UK <b>NEW</b></p>	<p><b>UNITED / NORDIC GREEN LEFT (GUE/NGL)</b> 34 MEMBERS</p>  <p>LOTHAR BISKY GERMANY</p>	<p><b>EUROPE OF FREEDOM &amp; DEMOCRACY (EFD) - CO-PRESIDENTS</b> 33 MEMBERS</p>  <p>NIGEL FARAGE UK</p>  <p>FRANCESCO SPERONI ITALY</p>		

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## SCHULZ ELECTED AS PRESIDENT



**Martin Schulz (photo, left) has been elected as the new President of the European Parliament, defeating Nirj Deva, a British Conservative from the European Conservatives & Reformists (ECR) group, and Diana Wallis, a British Liberal Democrat who stood as an independent candidate.**

Martin Schulz won the election easily, gaining the support of 387 MEPs in a secret ballot to take the presidency in the first round of voting.

Somewhat surprisingly, Nirj Deva finished second with 142 votes, one ahead of Diana Wallis, who subsequently decided to resign as an MEP.

After seven years as leader of the Socialists in the European Parliament, Mr Schulz now faces a challenge to demonstrate that he is the representative of all MEPs. Indeed, despite a careful *rapprochement* with the European People's Party (EPP) group and its leader Joseph Daul over recent years, and an EPP-Socialist deal to support his candidacy, he won support from only around 80% of the two groups' members.

The new President's strident and uncompromising approach may have mellowed a little but evidently he still has bridges to build. Indeed, he may use the presidency in part to establish links and raise his profile further as he bids to become the Party of European Socialists candidate for the presidency of the European Commission in 2014. His platform - the defence of Parliament's powers, notably with regard to any new eurozone treaty - is a rather traditional one.

Despite the effects of the Lisbon Treaty, which gives Parliament equal powers with the Council over nearly all legislation, the developments since the 9 December summit mean that inter-institutional battles are not over. Mr Schulz is set to be a robust defender of the Parliament's prerogatives.

Nirj Deva's election pitch - to be more of a 'speaker', defending members' rights, than a President - is perhaps an idea whose time will come later, after the crisis and treaty debate are over. It is an approach that certainly resonated beyond his own group.

The significant support for Nirj Deva and Diana Wallis - who both supported a single seat for the European Parliament as a key element of their manifestoes - could cause another headache for Mr Schulz, who is keen to keep the EPP, and the Strasbourg-born Mr Daul, onside.

In addition, Edward McMillan-Scott and Alexander Alvaro, two prominent supporters of a single seat, were elected as vice-presidents and now sit on the Bureau, the Parliament's main administrative body.

The other twelve vice-presidents were elected in a protracted and unprecedented three-round vote. Indrek Tarand, an Estonian MEP from the Greens/EFA group, was the odd man out, standing aside after finishing bottom in the first two rounds.

MEPs from the Socialists & Democrats (S&D) group fared very well, winning the spots of first, second and third vice-presidents, which will give them the choicest portfolios in Parliament's Bureau.

## SWOBODA AND CALLANAN TAKE THE HELM

Martin Schulz's election to the presidency of Parliament created a vacancy for the position of leader of the S&D group. Hannes Swoboda, an Austrian MEP who has in effect been Mr Schulz's deputy throughout his leadership of the group, won 102 votes in the election, defeating Catherine Trautmann (France, 45 votes) and Stephen Hughes (UK, 37 votes).

The election of Mr Swoboda is a sign of continuity of message in the S&D Group - a focus on opposing the politics of austerity that is currently holding sway in Europe, and connecting with citizens' concerns ahead of the 2014 elections. But there may be more vigour and vision in the message - Mr Schulz having increasingly been focused on winning the presidency of Parliament, and having toned down his approach accordingly.

Apart from the S&D group, only the ECR group changed leader at the mid-term point. Martin Callanan, leader of the dominant British Conservatives delegation, now heads a group that is Parliament's fifth-largest following the defection of four Polish MEPs to the Europe of Freedom & Democracy (EFD) group.

Mr Callanan replaced Jan Zahradil, with the Czech delegation being compensated with the position of Parliament vice-president for Oldřich Vlasák. The new ECR leader will face the task of consolidating the group, with six MEPs from six countries currently ensuring the survival of the ECR under rules on the transnational composition of political groups.

## COMMITTEES: MUCH ADO ABOUT VERY LITTLE

Despite predictions of wholesale changes, the Parliament's committees were relatively undisturbed by the mid-term changes. The political groups agreed to 'keep' the same committees, with some changes in personnel.

The EPP group maintains the chairmanship of the Foreign Affairs committee, which reverts to Elmar Brok, who held the post from 1997 to 2007. He replaces Gabriele Albertini. The Italian EPP delegation gets the chairmanship of the Industry, Research and Energy committee in a straight swap - Amalia Sartori taking control from Herbert Reul. She is one of three Italian EPP Chairs, alongside Carlo Casini (Constitutional Affairs) and Erminia Mazzoni (Petitions).

Matthias Groote, long mooted as the future Chair of the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety committee, takes over from fellow German social democrat Jo Leinen. Mr Groote, an engineer who worked for Enercon, a wind turbine manufacturer, before entering the Parliament in 2005, seems set to focus on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions as a key priority in the Committee.

Michael Theurer takes over the Budgetary Control committee and Gabriel Mato Adrover takes over the Fisheries committee. Mikael Gustafsson remains as Chair of the Women's Rights and Gender Equality committee, a position to which he had been elected in October; Barbara Lochbihler keeps the Chair of the Human Rights sub-committee, a role she took up in September.

Everyone else stays in place for the remainder of the Parliament, despite the reported threats to Sharon Bowles' chairmanship of the Economic and Monetary Affairs committee - a threat she defused quickly after the December EU summit when she criticised the actions of British prime minister David Cameron, with whom her party, the Liberal Democrats, are in coalition in the UK.