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## Catalonia's journey to independence

EFA MEPs joined colleagues from the European Free Alliance political party to celebrate the formation of a pro-independence government in Catalonia.

The Catalan parliament met on Sunday to elect a new head of government, just hours before the deadline for doing so.

This follows elections in Catalonia on 27 September which saw pro-independence parties win a majority of seats.



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EFA member party *Esquerra Republicana de Catalunya* forms part of the new government, and President of the EFA Group **Josep-Maria Terricabras** expressed his satisfaction at the result.

Newly elected President of Catalonia, Carles Puigdemont, has said that Catalonia now moves from a state of post-autonomy to pre-independence.

It's reported that over the course of the parliamentary term, preparations will be made for a Catalan constituent assembly, laying the foundations for an independent Catalonia.

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