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Bureau elected for Second Half of the Legislature

The end of 2011 marks the middle of the legislative period in the European Parliament. From January on, the European Parliament will have a new President and possibly new Vice-Presidents.

The Greens/EFA Group today elected their new Bureau for the second part of the legislative period. The Bureau is the executive body of the Group made up of the two Co-Presidents and seven Vice-Presidents.

According to the Greens/EFA statutes, as regards the Bureau's composition, at least half of the Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons posts shall be held by women.

Continuity has been the key word of this mid-term election with the Group re-electing <u>Daniel Cohn-Bendit</u> and <u>Rebecca Harms</u> as Co-Presidents. <u>Daniel Cohn-Bendit</u> (France), is Co-President of the Group since 2002 and Member of the European Parliament since 1994. <u>Rebecca Harms</u> (Germany) is the Co-President of the Group since 2009 and Vice-President of the Greens/EFA Group since 2004.

Six of the seven vice-presidents of the Greens/EFA Group have also been re-elected:

- <u>Jill Evans</u> (Wales), President of the European Free Alliance, Member of the European Parliament since 1999.
- **Reinhard Bütikofer** (Germany), Vice-President and treasurer, MEP since 2009.
- Marije Cornelissen (Netherlands), Vice-President, MEP since 2009.
- Raül Romeva (Spain), Vice-President, MEP since 2004.
- Claude Turmes (Luxembourg), Vice-President, MEP since 1999.
- Emilie Turunen (Denmark), Vice-President, MEP since 2009.
- <u>Michèle Rivasi</u> (France), MEP since 2009 is the newly elected and seventh Greens/EFA Vice-President, replacing <u>Eva Lichtenberger</u> (Austria), MEP since 2004 who was not a candidate for the second-half of the term.

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