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The French citizen representing Scotland in Europe

EFA MEP Christian Allard defends Scotland's attachment to Europe

Scottish MEP **Christian Allard** is a 'newly elected representative unlike any other.'

Born in Dijon, Christian Allard has lived in Scotland for over thirty years where he has worked extensively in the fishing and seafood industries.

He became a Member of the Scottish Parliament in 2013 and is passionate about Scotland's future in Europe.

Christian Allard used his maiden speech to the European Parliament in Strasbourg to underline Scotland's opposition to Brexit and commitment to a shared future in Europe.

Speaking in French in the European Parliament, **Christian Allard MEP** said:

"I am a French citizen representing Scotland in Europe. I was a member of the Scottish Parliament, I am now here as a result of Brexit and to show you our attachment to Europe.

"Twenty years ago I voted for the Scottish Parliament to be reconvened after a 300 year break. A parliament that has been able to sit thanks to the European Union.

"You helped us, you did not forget us. And in 2016, 62% of the Scottish electorate voted to stay in Europe. Now 62% is a signal that we are one of Europe most European countries.

"And I think that is down to the fact that in Scotland we are used to have multiple identities. I am 100% Scottish, I am 100% French and 100% European.

"Our idea of Europe is one we share with you, we want freedom of movement for people and goods and we have common values. We are prepared to defend Europe.

"Help us to stay at the heart of Europe, help us so that we can better help you."

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