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## Greens/EFA group reject Council deal

### EU top jobs

Today, the leaders of the Heads of State and governments in the European Council agreed on a list of names for top EU positions. The deal agreed in the Council fails to respect the lead candidate process and the results of the European elections, says **Ska Keller** President of the **Greens/EFA** group in the European Parliament:

*"This backroom stitch-up after days of talks is grotesque, it satisfies no one but party power games. After such a high turnout in the European elections and a real mandate for change, this is not what European citizens deserve.*

*"We don't need the smallest common denominator satisfying personal interest and party politics. We need a dynamic for political change in Europe and this is not offered by this package."*

**Philippe Lamberts**, President of the **Greens/EFA** group, adds:

*"The Parliament must decide on its Presidency independently from European governments and not leave this down to a poorly cooked-up compromise in the Council. That's why we stand firmly behind our European Parliament presidential candidate, Ska Keller. The Parliament should not let the council dictate its presidency.*

*"We are fighting for a Parliamentary democracy. We need a fairer, more social and environmentally friendly Europe that works for citizens and we will fight to ensure that the EU works to achieve this over the next five years."*

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