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Jean-Claude Juncker defends selecting men for high-level finance posts

Quotes from Ska Keller and Sven Giegold

The European Commission President **Jean-Claude Juncker** has today (Tuesday, 12 March) sent a letter in response to the dispute over the allocation of high-level financial posts exclusively to men, defending the selection procedures for the appointment of the three top posts at the European Central Bank, the European Banking Supervision Authority and the Single European Banking Union Board.

The plenary vote on all three items is on the European Parliament's agenda for Thursday (14 March).

Ska Keller, President of the Greens/EFA group and lead candidate in the European elections, comments:

"Jean-Claude Juncker makes it too easy for himself and withdraws to having done everything by the book. The President of the European Commission obviously thinks that women in top positions are all very well, but when it comes down to it, he lacks clear action for the promotion of women in top positions."

Sven Giegold, economic and financial affairs spokesperson for the Greens/EFA group, comments:

"President Juncker's reply is a big disappointment. If we continue in Juncker's 'laissez-faire attitude' we will have to wait a long while before gender equality in top positions is achieved. We demand binding commitments for concrete measures for ensuring more women in top positions. The Christian Democrats and Social Democrats should take a clear stand and stop favouring men for top positions."

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