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#### **Nobel Peace Prize**

## Nobel committee gives timely reminder to EU of its strengths

Commenting on the award of the 2012 Nobel Peace Prize to the European Union, Greens/EFA copresident **Rebecca Harms** said:

"The decision of the Nobel committee is both surprising and brave. The EU, while imperfect and incomplete, is still a unique project for peace and unity. The award is also a timely reminder to the EU of its strengths at this time of crisis."

Greens/EFA co-president Dany Cohn-Bendit, added:

"It is right for the EU to celebrate this award but it must take this peace mission seriously and push to ensure the EU gains a seat on the UN Security Council as a peaceful power. The award of the Nobel Peace Price should also serve as a mission for the EU and its member states to take responsibility for the social peace and justice in the countries hit by the crisis."

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