Press release | 22.10.2009

European External Action Service

First step is taken, but more must follow

Regarding today's vote of the European Parliament on the Brok Report on the European External Action Service (EEAS), **Indrek Tarand,** Greens/EFA shadow rapporteur and **Franziska Brantner**, Greens/EFA foreign affairs spokesperson, commented:

"We welcome the fact that work on the new External Action Service has started and that the European Parliament was able to adopt a position at this early stage.

However, with the adoption of the Brok Report, the Parliament has only taken a position on structures. It has omitted what is most important: a concept for new and comprehensive foreign policy. Regarding the complex challenges for external action, such as climate change and failed states, we urgently need a new and integrated concept for policy making. We hope that the European Parliament will in future take account of the strategic importance of addressing the substance and functions of the new structure.

Unfortunately our amendments on the creation of a peace-building directorate, gender equality with regards to new top jobs and the creation of a comprehensive External Action Academy have been voted down. We still hope that the Council will appoint a woman as High Representative/Vice-President of the Commission."

Recommended

Press release

Adriaan Ploegh



MEPs urge to strengthen European defence innovation

12.11.2026

Press release

karsten-wurth-unsplash



[Court upholds EU climate rules - EU must now show lead…]

12.11.2026

Press release

©jonathan-marchal

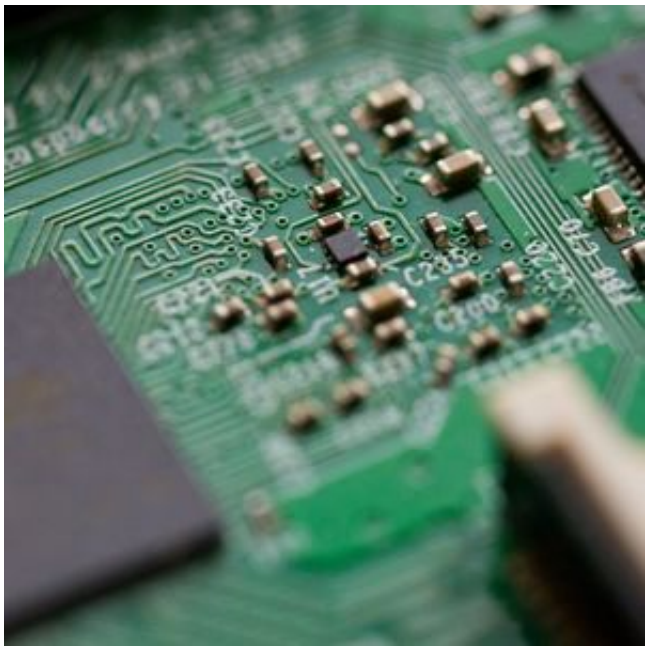


[Tilly METZ elected European Parliament Vice-President]

12.11.2026

Press release

chris-ried



Digital Fairness Act falls short on addictive design

11.11.2026

Please share

- E-Mail