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Ian Hudghton MEP welcomes Scottish exhibition in Strasbourg

Press release by SNP MEP Ian Hudghton

SNP President **Ian Hudghton** MEP has praised the Scottish Government's EU Representation for teaming up with the devolved administrations of Wales and Northern Ireland to put on an exhibition at the European Parliament in Strasbourg this week.

The SNP MEP said it was vital for Scotland to have a strong voice in Europe, and that it was particularly important to get Scottish interests firmly on the European agenda at the start of the new European Parliament's term.

Speaking from Strasbourg, Mr Hudghton said:

"Increasingly the European Union is taking and making decisions that affect all our lives. That's why I'm delighted to see Scotland taking the initiative in this way, along with the Welsh and Northern Irish administrations, to put us firmly on the map.

"It's absolutely right that the devolved administrations should be here making their case, and talking directly to EU politicians. Over the coming months the European Parliament will be debating a great deal of legislation that affects Scots and I'm pleased to see our government taking the initiative in this way.

"This initiative also provided an opportunity to demonstrate the Scottish Government's action on climate change, as the EU debates its strategy in the run-up to the Copenhagen meeting in December, and was also an ideal opportunity to promote the excellence of Scotland's food and drink products."

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