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## Nobel Peace Prize

### EU gets timely wake-up call

Commenting on the award of the 2012 Nobel Peace Prize to the European Union, Greens/EFA co-president **Rebecca Harms**, who is attending the ceremony in Oslo, said:

*"Today's award is a timely wake-up call both for Europe's citizens but, particularly, for Europe's political leaders. Although the EU is undergoing a deep period of crisis, it is not synonymous with crisis and remains a unique project for peace and unity. The EU is far from perfect, neither internally nor towards the outside, and we should take the Nobel Committee's decision as a challenge and encouragement to continue the European project and overcome national borders and limitations. The award is a call to action to respond to the crises facing Europe and the wider world."*

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 Prize should also serve as a mission for the EU and its member states to take responsibility for social peace and justice in the countries hit by the crisis."*

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