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Welsh wins its place at the European Commission

Press release by Plaid Cymru MEP Jill Evans

Plaid MEP **Jill Evans** has welcomed the news that Welsh speakers will be able to correspond with the European Commission in the Welsh language, starting from this week.

This follows a long campaign by Ms **Evans** to improve the status of the Welsh language at European level.

The move will be made official when the UK's Permanent Representative to the European Union signs a memorandum of understanding in Brussels on Thursday.

Ms **Evans** commented:

"I'm pleased that we've taken another step forward in boosting the status of the Welsh language at European level and raising the profile of Wales. It's right that Welsh speakers should deal with the European Commission in their language of choice.

"I am continuing to push the European Parliament to adopt better rules which allow the use the Welsh. I will be taking this up with the new President of the Parliament to be elected next week."

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