
THE BRIEF: EU TOP JOBS DEBATE SPARKS ANGER IN STRASBOURG

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New MEPs, their first ever debate. Launched by freshly elected European Parliament president David Sassoli. One topic dominated the speeches.

"We need to democratise the process of electing leaders in the EU," Dacian Ciolos - Renew Europe Group Leader.

Across the political spectrum in the European Parliament, condemnation that leaders are nominating Ursula von der Leyen to take Europes top job of European Commission president, and not the lead candidate from the party which won the most votes in the Mays elections under the so-called Spitzenkandidaten system.

Scorn, even, from von der Leyens own political family.

"We believed before in the Spitzenkandidaten process and we still believe in it. And let me tell you, in 5 years we will still believe in it. Because we prefer ballots rather than closed door deals," González Pons - EPP leaders in the European Parliament

And while Green ambition s for the next term featured heavily in the speeches, with it unclear if the UK will leave the EU on October 31st, British Brexit MEPs continued the shouting theyre known for.

"Thats what you do here, thats why were going. Nous Allons, Wir Gehen, Were off," Ann Widdecombe - Brexit Party MEP

And after the bashing MEPs gave EU leaders for their top jobs selections Donald Tusk - Outgoing EU Council President struck a conciliatory note.

"I would like our two institutions to cooperate in the best possible way so I will refrain form any comment."

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