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## **GERMANY'S NEW GOVERNMENT BETS ON INAUGURAL TRIPS TO HELP BOLSTER EU'S KEY ROLE**

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Social Democrat Olaf Scholz, sworn in as Germany's new chancellor on Wednesday (8 December), will already be embarking on a series of inaugural visits across Europe, accompanied by his foreign minister, Green co-leader Annalena Baerbock. EURACTIV Germany reports.

The future traffic light coalition of the Social Democrats (SPD), the Greens and the liberal business-friendly FDP intends to build on the country's previous efforts to create a strong, sovereign and open European Union, Scholz said on Tuesday.

On Friday, Scholz will already make his way to France to discuss the next course of action to be taken on EU policy.

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