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## EFA Group congratulates Roberta Metsola on her election as President of Parliament

EFA MEPs welcome the appointment of **Roberta Metsola**, as President of the European Parliament, the third woman in the history to be President and the first one in over 20 years.

While the group are delighted on the election of a women President, it does come with scepticism in some of her stands towards reproductive rights and migration. The EFA group is looking forward to strengthen relationships with the newly elected President, to ensure the democracy and pluralism of the chamber are respected.

The Greens/EFA Group nominated **Alice Bah Kuhnke** MEP for a more diverse, feminist, sustainable and democratic European Parliament. We would like to congratulate her on an excellent campaign and results.

Regarding the process of elections of EP President and Vice-presidents, EFA MEPs denounce the power distribution by EPP, S&D, RE grabbing more positions for themselves at the expense of minority political groups in the Parliament. As group, we believe that to guarantee democratic participation in the house, the proportional representation of the pro-European groups must be respected

EFA Group President **Jordi Solé** said:

*“I would like to congratulate Roberta Metsola in her recent appointment as EP President. I hope she will honour David Sassoli’s legacy by enduring pro-European parliamentary democracy.”*

*“And I also hope that, as she comes from a small Member State, she will work to build a European Union of peoples and not only of states, an EU and EP that protect and cherish diversity, also when it comes to the use of languages.”*

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