

# Progress

September 2009 plenary session



## Wednesday 16 September 2009



### Election of President of Commission

The Socialist and Democrat Group's choice will be based on policy commitments and not simply personalities. The new President of the European Commission will have to come up with concrete proposals to get over the economic crisis and tackle unemployment. Mr Barroso falls short from advancing a new social agenda for Europe. There is an urgent need for an economic recovery plan. The new Commission will have to radically change its policy in a number of areas.

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in action



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### Energy security (Nabucco and Desertec)

Energy security is an important issue for European economic and social future. The S&D group wants a strategy of diversification of energy resources and of arising use of alternative energy resources. The big projects of Nabucco and Desertec must be complemented by many smaller and decentralised projects of renewable energies.

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### EC /Tajikistan Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

The S&D Group is going to give its assent to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement of the EU with Tajikistan. It recognizes the important role that Tajikistan plays in the Central Asia region, also as a frontline state with Afghanistan and supports closer engagement of the EU with this country. The S&D Group also supports the accompanying resolution on the PCA with Tajikistan adopted by an overwhelming majority in AFET. The resolution reaffirms the very close interest in security and stability, the development and the consolidation of democratic institutions, respect for human rights and the rule of law in the region. The resolution calls on the government of Tajikistan to address urgently matters such as, among others, respect for human rights, strengthening of civil society, improving health and education sectors, women rights and fight against torture.

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### New regulations on visas for Balkan countries

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### 2009 and 2010 intervention periods for butter and skimmed milk powder

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