

New MEP Nominations in Parliament 13-17 July 2009

The new Parliament officially takes office during its first plenary session on 14-16 July.

Its first big political task will be to endorse (or reject) the new President of the European Commission designated by EU heads of states at their June summit.

But internal nominations will also carry significant political weight as MEPs will get to choose their own new President and negotiate who will head key parliamentary committees. Over time, some of these committees have gained growing influence as the Assembly got increasing co-decision powers with the EU member states. In reality, MEPs and most political observers agree that this is where legislation is actually being made, not at plenary sessions.

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