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PES ratifies nomination of Martin Schulz as 'Candidate designate'

Schulz to conduct tour of PES Member Parties to 'engage directly with party members' before 1st March Election Congress

"In 2010 only 488 MEPs voted for the European Commission and its President. In 2014 I want 390 million citizens to have their say", says Schulz.

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Letter of candidacy by Martin Schulz

Millions of Europeans are suffering the consequences of a crisis they did not cause.

Nearly 27 million Europeans are without a job. 80 million Europeans live at or under the poverty threshold. 24% of Europeans are socially excluded. Nearly 9% of Europeans suffer from severe material deprivation. Most shockingly, 5-and-a-half million young Europeans (nearly a quarter of Europe's youth) are unemployed.

The original promise of Europe, that by working together we shape a better life for tomorrow, that promise has been broken. It is up to our political family to fix it.

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Editorial



A democratic milestone

Ruairi Quinn, PES Treasurer and Chair of Working Group Candidate 2014

In May 2014, 390 million Europeans will for the first time, thanks to the PES, have a say in the future leadership of the Europe Union. The vital change comes as a result of article 17 of the Lisbon Treaty.

The election of the Commission president will finally be politicised, and the most powerful seat in the European Union will get a democratically elected face..

