

New EP President Elected



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News

On 18 January 2022, Ms *Roberta Metsola* was elected new President of the European Parliament, having served as its Vice-President since November 2020. Of the three candidates, Ms *Metsola* received an absolute majority of 458 votes out of 690 cast in the remote secret vote. She follows in the footsteps of the former President of the European Parliament, *David Sassoli*, who passed away on 11 January 2022.

Roberta Metsola is a member of the Group of the European People's Party (EPP). She was born in 1979 in Malta and has been an MEP since 2013. She is the youngest EP President ever elected and the third woman to hold this post. In her opening address, Ms *Metsola* underlined the need to fight against anti-EU narratives, disinformation and misinformation, nationalism, authoritarianism, protectionism, and isolationism.

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