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Socialists leaders meet ahead of the Special meeting from the European Council: - arrivals - Statement by Martin SCHULZ, EP President

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The Socialists leaders met on Thursday 22 November ahead the European Summit in which EU member states have to decide on the future of the European budget. Two different views are confronted in this summit: "The friends of cohesion" wanting to increase or at least maintain the EU budget, versus "The friends of better spending", willing to make cuts. The EP President Martin SCHULZ calls for maintaining the budgetary framework proposed by the Commission and reminds that whatever agreement will be taken, it needs to be accepted by the EP before being implemented.

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TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
00:00:00	Title	00:00:05
00:00:05	Exterior shot in Brussels and entrance of the PES meeting (2 shots).	00:00:15
00:00:20	Arrival of Sergei Stanishev (PES President)	00:00:06
00:00:26	Arrival of Hannes Swoboda, Chair of S&D Group in the EP	00:00:11
00:00:37	Arrival of Joaquín Almunia (EU Commission)	00:00:07
00:00:44	Arrival of EP President Martin Schulz	00:00:11
00:00:55	STATEMENT (English) Martin SCHULZ, EP President: "I have some doubts that a compromise is possible today because the last information I got, the intransigent position of Prime Minister Cameron, the position of the UK government "take it or leave it", this is not the beginning of a negotiation, this is more or less a kind of ultimatum, so I think it will be very difficult. But the figures presented by Herman Van Rompuy are figures even below, and for the EP they are totally inacceptable. As far as a compromise will be below the figures of the Commission, there is going to be a no from the EP	00:00:40

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00:01:35	Greetings to Sergei Stanishev	00:00:07
00:01:42	Arrival of Helle Thorning-Schmidt Prime Minister of Denmark, SD.	00:00:09
00:01:51	Arrival of Werner Faymann, Chancellor of Austria, SPÖ.	00:00:06
00:01:57	Arrival of Robert Fico, Prime Minister of Slovakia, SMER.	00:00:06
00:02:03	Arrival of François Hollande, President of the French Republic, PS.	00:00:13
00:02:16	Cutaway	00:00:04
00:02:20	END	00:00:00

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