



Extracts from the common press conference by José Manuel Barroso, Herman van Rompuy, László Surján and Philosophical and non-confessional organisations following the meeting

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On 27 November 2012, José Manuel Barroso, President of the EC, Herman van Rompuy, President of the European Council and László Surján, Vice-President of the EP met in Brussels philosophical and non-confessional organisations to discuss solidarity between generations and demographic challenges across Europe.

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TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
10:00:00	Title	00:00:05
10:00:05	General views of the press conference (2 shots)	00:00:12
10:00:17	Soundbite (in ENGLISH) by José Manuel Barroso, President of the EC, on Greece, saying he welcomes the agreement reached by the Eurogroup earlier this morning on Greece, which underscores the European Commission's continuous efforts to help guide the quick implementation of the programme and ensure adequate support to Greece until it has regained market access. The Greek authorities have demonstrated a strong commitment to the programme and the Commission salutes the efforts made by Greek citizens in this difficult time. The Commission continues to consider that these efforts will contribute to a better future for the Greek people.	00:00:45
10:01:03	General view of the press conference	00:00:02
10:01:06	Soundbite (in ENGLISH) by José Manuel Barroso on today's meeting with the philosophical and non-confessional organisations, saying that solidarity is a fundamental value of the European Union. It is the glue that holds our societies together. It is a moral commitment to take responsibility for each other, solidarity among people and also solidarity among countries. However, the current crisis is a real stress test for our European values. As many expressed in today's open, constructive and very fruitful debate, where people suffer, the temptation is big to follow populist ideas and to see the European	00:00:45

	<p>big to renew parliament and to see the European Union as a scapegoat for their problems. In reality, the EU is the only framework where both solidarity and the necessary reforms can be brought together for the common European good.</p>	
10:01:52	<p>Soundbite (in FRENCH) by Herman van Rompuy, President of the European Council, saying that an anti-crisis policy at all levels and the strengthening of Europe's structures and economic growth potential should go with a new awareness of the European values like solidarity The coming years will be decisive for our future, for our social models in Europe and for the European idea in general. The philosophical and non-confessional organisations care about a Europe that is investing in jobs and sustainable climate and moving towards less selfishness in all its aspects and more solidarity.</p>	00:01:06
10:02:58	<p>Soundbite (in ENGLISH) by László Surján, Vice-President of the EP, saying that solidarity between generations is not a simple charity to the elderly. It touches the whole society, from the babies to the retired persons, youth care and child care, education, job creation and the pension scheme. The pensions are really in big danger. It requires demographic re-balance which is lacking. Saying also that he is very happy that this morning participants avoided a debate on whether migration or family policy would be the best solution to this problem of pensions. Each government should decide what is the best in the given country but both can help.</p>	00:00:54