



### **Nobel Peace Prize® 2012: extracts from the press conference by José Manuel BARROSO, President of the EC, Martin SCHULZ, President of the EP, and Jens STOLTENBERG, Norwegian Prime Minister**

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On 11 December, the day after the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony, José Manuel Barroso, President of the EC, Martin Schulz, President of the EP, and Jens Stoltenberg, Norwegian Prime Minister, held a press conference following their meeting. The leader remained the important role of the EU in promoting peace and democracy. José Manuel Barroso said that the Nobel Prize award has been the occasion to launch a debate about the EU project. They also focussed on economic challenges that the EU has still to face. Martin Schulz underlined he hopes that enthusiasm about the European project will be kept in the coming days at the EU Council when leaders will discuss the future structure of EU. On Monday 10 December, the European Union received the 2012 Nobel Peace Prize for its contribution to the advancement of peace and reconciliation, democracy and human rights in Europe.



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TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
00:00:00	Title	00:00:05
00:00:05	José Manuel Barroso, President of the EC, Martin Schulz, President of the EP, shaking hands with Jens Stoltenberg, Norwegian Prime Minister	00:00:13
00:00:18	Cutaway of cameraman	00:00:04
00:00:22	José Manuel Barroso, Martin Schulz and Jens Stoltenberg, arriving	00:00:02
00:00:24	SOUNDBITE (in English) Jens Stoltenberg: We had an excellent discussion about different issues mainly addressing the economic challenges in EU. And I started by congratulating both of them for the Nobel peace prize. It is a prize which really underlines the important role that the EU has played in promoting peace in EU and transforming Europe to a peaceful continent.	00:00:36

00:01:00	SOUNDBITE (in English) José Manuel Barroso: I think it was a great occasion accession, not only occasion of emotion for us, a deeply moving ceremony fro us, but also for the deepening of the EU debate. The fact that some people disagreed with the decision of the Nobel prize committee was indeed a good way of launching a debate, a wide debate about EU. What EU stands for and to correct also I hope some prejudices. And I think we need this kind of debate because our vision of EU is a democratic vision.	00:00:35
00:01:35	SOUNDBITE (in English) Martin Schulz: And then, a debate let by a Prime Minister of a non- European Union on a basis of high competence on EU items with smart management of a debate. And the European enthusiasm around the table by these leaders, I hope they will keep this enthusiasm they show yesterday for the day after tomorrow -Thursday and Friday –when they discuss the future structure of EU.	00:00:32
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