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**PRESS BRIEFING**

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**TUE 14 MAR**  
**11:20 CET**

**PRESS BRIEFING**

Journalists are welcome to question the Co-presidents of The Left in the European Parliament on issues they are covering. Physical & remote participation possible. See @Left\_EU on Twitter for more details.

**Manon Aubry** (France Insoumise, France) and **Martin Schirdewan** (Die Linke, Germany)



**Martin Schirdewan - Next EU leaders' Summit 23-24 March**

**Debate: Wednesday**

In August last year, Commission President von der Leyen announced a big push to reform the energy market. The merit order system was up for debate, and the goal was affordable prices. However, with the Commission's proposal, which will be discussed at the upcoming Summit, von der Leyen remains merely a world champion of announcements. The merit order principle remains. Prices can continue to rise, and nuclear power is ecological. In short: the lobbyists of the energy companies have won, and the people of Europe have lost.



**Marisa Matias - Energy performance of buildings**

**Debate: Monday Vote: Tuesday**

This directive is a crucial for fighting climate change and energy waste. It is also important to tackle a serious social problem, as vulnerable people and those suffering energy poverty live very often in the worst performing buildings, with no possibility of improving their situation. Despite the efforts of the right wing of the parliament to water down the proposal, adopting this measure is a positive step towards climate and social justice.



**Anne-Sophie Pelletier - Activities of the European Ombudsman**

**Debate: Monday Vote: Tuesday**

The European Union can be proud to have an institution and an Ombudsman who, through her work, seeks to strengthen the transparency, accountability and integrity of the Union's institutions, bodies and agencies. This is vital in order to improve the protection of European citizens' rights and European democracy.



## **Anja Hazekamp - Citizens' Initiative "Save bees & farmers!"**

**Debate: Thursday**

Industrial agriculture that depends on monocultures with toxic pesticides is killing our future. Bees and butterflies are essential for our ecosystems and our food production. We will fight for the citizens' demands to protect bees and nature. We will fight for a just transition towards a toxic-free, sustainable and viable food system to maintain a liveable planet for humans and animals.



## **Petros Kokkalis - Advancing the 2022 Bridgetown Agenda**

**Debate: Thursday**

The Left successfully put this debate on the agenda. The 2022 Bridgetown Agenda for the Reform of the Global Financial Architecture is an initiative which holds that the combination of the cost of living crisis, debt crisis and climate crisis requires a rewiring of the Bretton Woods international financial architecture, which has proven to be inadequate especially in these times of overlapping crises. We do fully support the initiative. The reforms will be discussed in various international fora throughout the next month, including the IMF and World Bank in April, and also at the G7 talks in May.