

THE FALL OF THE BERLIN WALL AND GERMAN REUNIFICATION

Parliament's position, from the outset, not only actively supported German reunification, but also explicitly encouraged all democratic processes.

We set up a special committee to follow the issue and soon after, the following month, not many days later, because I think it was on 6 or 7 December, I presented a proposal to the European Council, which met in Strasbourg at the Palais de la Musique et des Congrès. I presented a ten-point proposal, which already set out a number of points on behalf of the European Parliament, which were subsequently put into practice.

The most important aspects were that in addition to welcoming the event and actively supporting the process, we expressed our willingness to include in our common venture the peoples of those countries which had already achieved democracy and noted that the ongoing process of monetary union had to be extended to political union, with an active role for parliament in this area.