# Election of the President of the European Parliament

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At the sitting of 16 January 2007, Hans-Gert POETTERING (EPP-ED, DE) was elected President of the European Parliament. Below is an extract from the minutes of the sitting:

Giovanni Berlinguer read out the results of the vote:

- Members voting: 715

- Blank or void: 26

- Votes cast: 689

- Absolute majority: 345

The outcome was as follows:

- Jens-Peter Bonde: 46 votes

- Francis Wurtz: 48 votes

- Monica Frassoni: 145 votes

- Hans-Gert Poettering: 450 votes.

Hans-Gert Poettering had obtained an absolute majority of the votes cast. Giovanni Berlinguer proclaimed him President of the European Parliament and congratulated him on his election.