

François Hollande in the S & D Group meeting

French President François Hollande, met on October 9th with the Socialist Group in the European Parliament, on the same day that with Merkel addressed the Strasbourg plenary to defend the strengthening of the European Union and more solidarity between Member States. The French President spoke of the Portuguese case as "a missed opportunity for socialists", being worried that "almost everywhere in Europe, the far-left parties and anti-europe hinder the achievement of a stable majority to Socialist parties, by unrealistic claims that present and his confrontational style. " Intervening in the debate, Maria João Rodrigues stressed this idea and said that François Holland "has a key role to make way for a stronger left in the EU should exert its influence on crucial issues such as the reform of economic and monetary union (EMU) for a stronger social dimension, and the discussions around sustainability policies. " The French President agreed to the socialist vice president, ensuring that calls for "new instruments and institutions to take the EU's crisis and oriented EU budget for investment and convergence