



**Mr Herman Van Rompuy**

President  
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Dear President,

Like many European citizens, we are extremely proud that the European Union was granted the 2012 Nobel Peace Prize this morning.


This decision sends a powerful signal at a time where the achievements of the European Union are being questioned.

Economic integration has been a key driver of policies that have led to the six decades of peace, reconciliation, democracy and human rights in Europe that were distinguished today. BUSINESSEUROPE therefore genuinely feels part of this important endeavour.

We wanted to share our enthusiasm with you and to congratulate you.

The decision that the Nobel Peace Prize Committee announced today is a clear recognition of the value of the European project that you and your predecessors have developed.

Yours sincerely,

  
Jürgen R. Thumann  
President

  
Philippe de Buck  
Director General