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EPP President Wilfried Martens visits Slovakia ahead of March elections

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The President of the European People's Party (EPP), **Wilfried Martens**, concluded an important trip to Bratislava, Slovakia, where he had the opportunity to meet with the leadership of the EPP member parties SDKU-DS, KDH, and SMK-MKP and to underline EPP's support to the parties for the upcoming parliamentary elections:

"Slovakia's centre-right parties have had a fundamental impact in the direction of the country, since it gained independence, and have always fought for a prosperous and modern future of their country. I'm convinced that if Slovakia's centre-right continues to work closely together, it will ensure the country's long-term stability and pro-European course," Wilfried Martens stated.

The President of the EPP had the opportunity to meet with the President of the SDKU-DS **Mikuláš Dzurinda**, the President of the KDH **Ján Figel'**, the President of the SMK-MKP **József Berényi**, the President of Parliament **Pavol Hrušovský**, and the Slovak delegation leader of the EPP Group in the European Parliament **Anna Záborská**. Topics of discussion included the political situation in Slovakia, the upcoming elections, EU-Slovakia relations, and the economic and financial situation in Europe.

Finally, President Martens gave a keynote speech at the celebration event for the 22nd anniversary of the KDH:

"The KDH and Ján Figel' are trustworthy partners of EPP and always have been actively involved in the work of our political family," the EPP President stated during the event.

Note to editors:

The EPP is the largest and most influential European-level political party of the centre-right, which currently includes 75 member-parties from 40 countries, the Presidents of the European Commission and the European Council, 17 EU and 6 non-EU heads of state and government, 13 members of the European Commission and the largest Group in the European Parliament.

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