

EPP ELECTS ITS PRESIDENCY AND ADOPTS 'ROME MANIFESTO'

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The European People's Party (EPP) elected its President, Secretary General, Vice Presidents and Treasurer during the XVII Congress held on 30 and 31 March in Rome.

Wilfried Martens (Belgium) and **Antonio Lopez-Isturiz** (Spain) were re-elected as President and Secretary General of the EPP for another three-year term.

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◆ *I thank you very much for your confidence* ◆, said Martens.

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Ingo Friedrich was also re-elected as Treasurer of the EPP.

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The delegates participating in the EPP Congress also elected **Peter Hintze** (Germany), **Michel Barnier** (France), **Victor Orban** (Hungary), **Antonio Tajani** (Italy), **Mario David** (Portugal), **Camiel Eurlings** (Netherlands), **Jyrki Katainen** (Finland), **Jacek Saryusz-Wolski** (Poland), **Enda Kenny** (Ireland) and **Alojz Peterle** (Slovenia) as Vice Presidents of the EPP.

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◆ROME MANIFESTO◆

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The EPP adopted today ◆ the **'Rome Manifesto'**. Entitled ◆ *For a Europe of the Citizens: Priorities for a Better Future* ◆, the document includes EPP positions to strengthen the European Union (EU). The EPP also adopted 17 Resolutions.

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The slogan of the Congress was ◆ *Our aim your Europe* ◆. EPP leaders such as **Angela Merkel** (Germany), **Wolfgang Schüssel** (Austria), **Nicolas Sarkozy** (France), **Mariano Rajoy** (Spain), **Kostas Karamanlis** (Greece) and **Silvio Berlusconi** (Italy) participated in the meetings.

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