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The President of the European People's Party (EPP), **Wilfried Martens**, has congratulated the leader of Forza Italia, **Silvio Berlusconi**, for the victory obtained in the local elections recently held in Italy.

*"The good result shows that Forza Italia continues to have wide support in a large number of Italian towns and cities",* President Martens stated.

*"I am sure that these elections will be the first step for the center-right for winning the next general elections",* he pointed out.

*"I am looking forward to personally congratulating Mr. Berlusconi at the next EPP Summit in Meise (Brussels) on 21st of June",* Martens concluded.

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