

## EPP WELCOMES FRENCH PRESIDENCY OF THE EU

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The President of the European People's Party (EPP), **Wilfried Martens**, has today welcomed the start of the new French Presidency of the European Council, led by President **Nicolas Sarkozy**, member of the EPP.

*"The Slovenian Presidency has been a great success under the leadership of PM Janez Jansa, and I am sure that Mr Sarkozy will continue this great work, whilst giving new impetus to the European project,"* stated Martens.

*"The French Government has established an ambitious program for the Presidency of the European Council, which will allow the EU to strengthen its policies in many fields,"* he added.

As in the first semester of 2008, the EPP will continue to lead the three main EU institutions over the next six months with **Jose Manuel Barroso**, President of the European Commission; **Hans-Gert Poettering**, President of the European Parliament; and **Nicolas Sarkozy**, President of the European Council.

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