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EPP President Wilfried Martens expressed late today his regret for the result of the referendum in the Netherlands: *"It is disappointing that two of the main EU founding members said **No** to such an important common project as the European Constitution, which was created for a peaceful, democratic and prosperous future of all European citizens*.

Martens expressed his confidence in finding a solution to this crisis: ***We** faced many challenges in the past in order to build the European Union of today. We will find the way to continue on the path of European integration. This is just an obstacle in our path, not the end of the road*, he said

The EPP President called to the Heads of State and Government to evaluate the French and Dutch results during the next EU Council and to manage the situation as soon as possible: ***It** is their responsibility to work for a strong, united and efficient enlarged Europe in the coming years*, he added. Therefore, Wilfried Martens stressed the importance of the next EPP Summit, which will be held on June the 16th, prior to the European Council.

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