

MARTENS COMMENDS PRIME MINISTER KOSTUNICA

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The President of the European People's Party (EPP) **Wilfried Martens** has welcomed the successful result of the referendum on the new Constitution of Serbia, which was officially verified on November 2nd by Serbia's election commission. According to the Commission 53.04 % of total registered voters in Serbia voted in favour (3,521,724) out of 54.91% of the turnout.

"This is an important step-forward for Serbia. The country can finally put behind the old 'Milosevic' Constitution and all negative things associated with it, and push ahead on its European path," stated

Martens.

The EPP President commended the architect of the new Constitution, Serbian Prime Minister and DSS Leader **Vojislav Kostunica**, for his efforts: *"Prime Minister Kostunica has once again proven his leadership qualities and his ability to take bold steps – I'm convinced that Serbian citizens will give again their confidence to Prime Minister Kostunica and his partners in the upcoming elections,"* Martens concluded.

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