

FYROM: MARTENS CONGRATULATES IVANOV FOR HIS VICTORY IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

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Today the President of the European People's Party (EPP), **Wilfried Martens**, congratulated **Gjorgje Ivanov** for his victory in the presidential elections held yesterday in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM).

"The election of Mr. Ivanov is welcome news for the people of FYROM; from now on, both the President and the Prime Minister belong to the same party, VMRO-DPMNE, an EPP observer," the EPP President stated.

"I trust that the country's renewed leadership will take the right measures to improve the daily life of the citizens and also work in favor of stability and good neighborly relations in the region. In this sense, I welcome the statement by Mr. Ivanov that he will give priority to resolving the country's name issue," Martens concluded.

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