

8 March - EPP HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEET IN MEISE

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Brussels, 7th of March

The EPP heads of State and Government **Angela MERKEL** (Germany), **Jan-Peter BALKENENDE** (The Netherlands), **Kostas KARAMANLIS** (Greece), **Jean-Claude JUNCKER** (Luxembourg), **Fredrik REINFELDT** (Sweden), **Lawrence GONZI** (Malta), **Janez JANSNA** (Slovenia), **Aigars KALVITIS** (Latvia) and **Traian BASESCU** (Romania), along with Austrian Deputy Federal Chancellor **Wilhelm MOLTERER** and Danish Minister for Foreign Affairs **Per Stig MÖLLER**, will meet on **March the 8th at Meise** (near Brussels) for the EPP Summit.

José Manuel BARROSO, European Commission President; **Hans-Gert POETTERING**, European Parliament President; **Stavros DIMAS**, European Commissioner for Environment; **Andris PIEBALGS**, European Commissioner for Energy, and **Joseph DAUL**, EPP-ED Group Chairman, also participate in the meeting.

Further, amongst the EPP Party leaders, **Silvio BERLUSCONI** (FI - Italy), **Luis MARQUES MENDES** (PSD - Portugal), and **Mikulas DZURINDA** (SDKU-DS, Slovakia) will be present at Meise.

In addition, President **Victor YUSHCHENKO** (Ukraine), Prime Minister **Ivo SANADER** (Croatia), Prime Minister **Sali BERISHA** (Albania) and the President of the CDI (Centrist Democrat International), **Pierferdinando CASINI**, will also participate in the Summit.

On the agenda will be the preparation of the European Council (8-9 March) in Brussels.

EPP Summit

Date: **8th March (from 13:00 hrs to 17:00 hrs)**

Venue: The Castle of Bouchout, National Botanical Garden of Belgium
1860 Meise, Belgium

NOTE TO THE PRESS:

- A bus will be available for the press to get to Meise.
Venue: Place Luxembourg (Close to the European Parliament)
Time: 11:30 hrs
- Photo and TV camera opportunities will take place during the meeting. Sound registration is not allowed.
- The Secretary General of the EPP, Antonio LOPEZ-ISTURIZ, will make a statement on the Summit. The President of the EPP, Wilfried MARTENS, will give a press conference at the end of the meeting.
- For security reasons, please ensure you bring your accreditation for the European Council or your national press card. Journalists without one of these documents must request their accreditation for the EPP Summit before the 7th of March. E-mail: jjimenez@epp.eu

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