

EPP DEBATES PRIORITIES FOR A EUROPE CLOSER TO ITS CITIZENS

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The European People's Party (EPP) debated its priorities for a Europe closer to the citizens during a conference held today in Brussels.

In the meeting participated the President of the European Commission, **Jos Manuel Barroso**; the President of the EPP, **Wilfried Martens**; the Secretary General of the EPP, **Antonio Lopez - Isturiz**, and most of the Vice presidents of the EPP.

The main items were those concerning the European citizens, such as the economic reforms, the security, or the impact of the enlargement of the

European Union (EU) to new member states.

In this context, **Jos Manuel Barroso** said the European Constitution is still a valid project to get concrete results in favour of the citizens, such as the adoption of the Services Directives or the agreement for the financial perspectives 2007 - 2013.

President **Martens** explained that the EPP is supporting the idea of continuing the process of ratification of the European Constitution after the period of reflection which ends this month.

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