

CROATIA: EPP PRESIDENT CONGRATULATES PM JADRANKA KOSOR FOR VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

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The President of the European People's Party (EPP), **Wilfried Martens**, sent his warmest congratulations to the new Croatian Prime Minister, **Jadranka Kosor**, who received today a vote of confidence in parliament. Last Saturday, Mrs Kosor was also elected President of the HDZ, an associate member of the EPP.

"I would like to congratulate Jadranka Kosor in her new tasks as Prime Minister and as leader of the HDZ. I had the opportunity to meet and to campaign with her when she was a candidate for President of Croatia. PM Kosor has strong leadership qualities and I am convinced that she will continue with success the work of her predecessor, Ivo Sanader," stated the EPP President.

"It is also welcome news to see a successful female politician of the EPP taking over the leadership of a European nation that is poised to join the EU. I look forward to receiving her at the next EPP Summit of heads of state and government," Martens added.

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