

## MARTENS: "WE NEED EUROPE MORE TODAY THAN EVER"

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The President of the EPP, **Wilfried Martens**, has said "*we need Europe more today than ever*" to respond to the global challenges that the world is facing.

"*No EU Member State has the resources to act alone,*" he said in Paris last weekend during the "Conseil National" of the UMP, a member party of the EPP, and added "*modernising political life, putting it at the centre of the European project and working for the citizens are the priorities.*"

In this context, President Martens stressed, "*the success of the EU French Presidency is crucial not only for France and the EPP, but also the EU.*"

He also pointed out the similarities between the priorities of the French Presidency and the EPP's main topics for the 2009 European elections: immigration, climate change, security and the fight against terrorism, demographic change and a prosperous Europe, amongst others.

Full speech of President Martens in Paris [is available here](#) (in French)

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