

## EPP PRESIDENT CONGRATULATES ANTONIO TAJANI FOR COMMISSIONER DESIGNATION

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The President of the European People's Party (EPP), **Wilfried Martens**, has warmly congratulated **Antonio Tajani**, currently Head of the Italian delegation of Forza Italia in the European Parliament and Vice-President of the EPP, for his designation by the new Italian Government for the position of European Commissioner for Transport, following the resignation of **Franco Frattini** as EU Commissioner for Justice, Freedom and Security.

*"I would like to wholeheartedly welcome the designation of Antonio Tajani as the new European Commissioner for Transport not only because of his excellent political and parliamentary track-record but, more importantly, because he has proven to be a reliable partner for Europe and the European project. I am convinced that he will receive strong support in the European Parliament,"* the EPP President stated.

Following the installment of the new Italian government, headed by Prime Minister **Silvio Berlusconi**, President Martens has also congratulated **Franco Frattini** for his appointment as Minister of Foreign Affairs.

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