

MARTENS: "MORE EUROPE TO BENEFIT CITIZENS"

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On the occasion of Europe Day, the President of the EPP **Wilfried Martens** stated today that *"the European project is an enormous success story because it has been embraced by the citizens – it's a citizen's project that has to be maintained and strengthened. In other words, we need more Europe that can bring more benefits to the citizens."*

"In the last year, we witnessed remarkable developments: the expansion of the free movement of persons (Schengen agreement) in most of the new EU Member States and the start of the ratification process of the new Reform Treaty, that will make Europe more manageable and more accessible to the public," stated the EPP President.

"Thus, the EU has to get closer to the citizens and deal with their daily challenges – economy, security, environment, etc. That is why these issues will be at the center of EPP's political action in the coming months and years", Martens concluded.

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