

## JERZY BUZEK, JOSEPH DAUL, JADRANKA KOSOR, YULIA TYMOSHENKO, PARTY LEADERS ATTEND FIRST DAY OF EPP BONN CONGRESS

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The EPP concluded today the first day of its two-day Congress proceedings which are taking place in Bonn, Germany at the historic old Bundestag building. Hosted by German Chancellor **Angela MERKEL** and EPP President **Wilfried MARTENS**, the Congress featured speeches from the President of the European Parliament **Jerzy BUZEK**, the Chairman of the EPP Group in the EP **Joseph DAUL**, and leading non-EU heads of state and government such as Croatian Prime Minister **Jadranka KOSOR**, Ukrainian Prime Minister **Yulia TYMOSHENKO**, Albanian Prime Minister **Sali BERISHA**, FYROM Prime Minister **Nikola GRUEVSKI**, and Georgian President **Mikheil SAAKASHVILI**. **Horst SEEHOFER**, Minister-President of Bavaria and

CSU leader, and **Jürgen RÜTTGERS** Minister-President of North Rhine-Westphalia also welcomed the delegates and guests.

The first day also hosted many party leaders including Deputy Prime Minister **Jyrki KATAINEN** (KOK, Finland), **Mariano RAJOY** (PP, Spain), **Antonis SAMARAS** (ND, Greece), **Manuela FERREIRO LEITE** (PSD, Portugal), **Mikuláš DZURINDA** (SDKÚ-DS, Slovakia), **Viktor ORBÁN** (Fidesz, Hungary), **Nicos ANASTASIADIS** (DISY, Cyprus), and **Janez JANŠA** (SDS, Slovenia).

Many members of the recently nominated Barroso II Commission also attended the first day of the Congress: **Viviane REDING**, Vice President, responsible for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship, **Michel BARNIER**, Internal Market and Services, **Andris PIEBALGS**, Development and **Rumiana JELEVA**, International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response.

Moreover, the EPP Congress held two important policy debates: the economic and financial crisis and the 'Social Market Economy' as the solution to the crisis, and the fight against climate change. The policy debate included many high-level guest speakers such as **Mario DRAGHI** (Chairman of the Financial Stability Board - FSB), **Paul VOLCKER** (Chairman of the US President's Economic Recovery Advisory Board), **Rodrigo DE RATO** (Senior Managing Director of Investment Banking at Lazard Ltd. and former Managing Director of the IMF), **Antonio TAJANI** (Commission Vice President responsible for Transport and appointed for Industry and Entrepreneurship) and **Stavros DIMAS** (European Commissioner for Environment).

Finally, the Congress delegates re-elected as EPP President for a second term **Wilfried MARTENS**, former Prime Minister of Belgium.

The EPP Congress will continue tomorrow with the adoption of its policy documents and resolutions, with the speeches of the EU heads of state and government and the election of the other members of the EPP Presidency.

For more details about the Congress proceedings please [www.eppbonn2009.eu](http://www.eppbonn2009.eu)

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