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The EPP heads of State and Government of the European Union (EU) and non - EU countries will meet **on 18th of October** in Lisbon for the EPP Summit, along with the President of the European Commission, **Jose Manuel BARROSO** and the President of the European Parliament, **Hans-Gert POETTERING**.

Heads of State and Government include **Angela MERKEL** (Germany), **Jan-Peter BALKENENDE** (The Netherlands), **Kostas KARAMANLIS** (Greece), **Jean-Claude JUNCKER** (Luxembourg), **Lawrence GONZI** (Malta), **Janez JANSKA** (Slovenia), **Aigars KALVITIS** (Latvia) and **Traian BASESCU** (Romania), along with Austrian Deputy Federal Chancellor **Wilhelm MOLTERER** and Danish Minister of Foreign Affairs, **Per Stig MOLLER**.

Amongst the EPP Party leaders, **Luis Filipe MENEZES** (PSD - Portugal), **Erwin HUBER** (CSU - Germany), **Mikulas DZURINDA** (SDKU-DS, Slovakia), and **Nicos ANASTASIADES** (DR, Cyprus) will participate in the meeting.

President **Victor YUSHCHENKO** (Ukraine), President **Mikheil SAKASHVILI** (Georgia), Prime Minister **Ivo SANADER** (Croatia), Prime Minister **Sali BERISHA** (Albania) and Prime Minister **Nikola GRUEVSKI** (FYROM) will attend the Summit.

The Chairwoman of BYuT of Ukraine, **Yulia TYMOSHENKO**, and the leader of the opposition in Belarus and winner of the Sajarov Prize of the European Parliament, **Aleksander MILINKEVICH**, will also participate in the meeting as special guests. In addition, the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, **René VAN DER LINDEN**, will join the gathering.

The Summit will be chaired by the President of the EPP, **Wilfried MARTENS**. The Chairman of the EPP-ED Group in the European Parliament, **Joseph DAUL**, and the Secretary General of the EPP, **Antonio LOPEZ - ISTURIZ**, will be also attending the meeting.

On the agenda will be the preparation of the European Council (18-19 October) in Lisbon, in particular the adoption of the new Treaty of the EU.

**EPP Summit**

Date: **18th October (from 12:00 hrs to 17:00 hrs)**

Venue: Hotel Four Seasons Ritz

Rua Rodrigo Da Fonseca, 88

Lisbon

**NOTE TO THE PRESS:**

- Photo and TV camera opportunities will take place during the meeting. Sound recording is not allowed.

- For security reasons, please ensure that you bring a long valid accreditation: Journalists and cameramen will be given access to the venue upon presentation of their accreditation for the European Council or their national/European press card. Registration for the press will open at 10:00

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