

EPP CALLS ON THE EU FOR A SOLUTION FOR RATIFICATION OF THE LISBON TREATY (Pictures and video available)

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EPP leaders agreed today that the EU needs a workable solution to unblock the Lisbon Treaty in 2009 and called on the European Council to reach an agreement.

[During a Summit held in Brussels](#), the Heads of State and Government and leaders of the opposition underlined that the Irish Government should make a proposal - respecting the wish of the people - to clear the path for ratification. They were briefed by Enda Kenny, leader of the Fine Gael, on the current situation in Ireland.

EPP leaders also debated the challenges of climate change and agreed that this topic should remain a priority, despite the current economic crisis. The cooperation of key partners such as the US, China, India and Brazil is crucial in this context.

More specifically on the economic crisis, they agreed that cooperation within the EU and the Eurogroup is vital to fight unemployment and to strengthen the confidence in the European economic system.

The EPP leaders also adopted a [resolution](#) congratulating Croatia for "the significant progress achieved in the accession negotiations with the European Union on Croatia".

The outgoing French Presidency of the EU, represented by Prime Minister, **François FILLON**, along with the incoming Presidency of the EU, Prime Minister **Mirek TOPOLANEK**, participated in today's EPP Summit.

In addition, the Heads of State and Government included **Angela MERKEL** (Germany), **Jan-Peter BALKENENDE** (The Netherlands), **Jean-Claude JUNCKER** (Luxembourg), **Silvio BERLUSCONI** (Italy), **Kostas KARAMANLIS** (Greece), **Andrius KUBILIUS** (Lithuania), **Lawrence GONZI** (Malta), **Donald TUSK** (Poland), **Traian BASESCU** (Romania), **Ivo SANADER** (Croatia), **Nikola GRUEVSKI** (FYROM), along with **Josef PRÖLL**, Deputy Prime Minister of Austria, and **Horst SEEHOFER**, Minister President of Bavaria.

The President of the European Commission, **José Manuel BARROSO**, and the President of the European Parliament, **Hans-Gert POETTERING**, were also present.

EPP Opposition Leaders and chairmen of EPP member parties also participated: **Janez JANSKA** (SDS, Slovenia), **Mariano RAJOY** (PP, Spain), **Nicos ANASTASIADIS** (DR, Cyprus), **Manuela FERREIRA LEITE** (PSD, Portugal), **Mikulas DZURINDA** (SDKU-DS, Slovakia), **Mart LAAR** (IRL, Estonia), **Boyko BORISSOV** (GERB, Bulgaria), **Viktor ORBAN** (Fidesz, Hungary) and **Enda KENNY** (Fine Gael, Ireland).

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