

## LATVIA: EPP CONGRATULATES DOMBROVSKIS FOR HIS APPOINTMENT AS PRIME MINISTER

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The President of the European People's Party (EPP), **Wilfried Martens**, has congratulated **Valdis Dombrovskis** for his official confirmation by Parliament as the new Prime Minister of Latvia.

Martens also expressed his happiness because the two EPP member parties in Latvia, New Era and the People's Party, will be the main partners in the new centre-right coalition government.

*"I am delighted that Mr. Dombrovskis and our EPP member-parties - New Era and the People's Party - formed the new government of Latvia. I am confident that Prime Minister Dombrovskis will deal successfully with the challenges that the country currently faces,"* said Martens.

*"Indeed, Valdis Dombrovskis has a wealth of experience in the European affairs and as a result, Latvia will now play a more important role in the European project for the benefit of all Latvian citizens. I look forward to welcoming Prime Minister Dombrovskis in next-week's EPP Summit of heads of state and government in Brussels, on 19 March,"* Martens concluded.

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