

**13 December: EPP LEADERS MEET IN BRUSSELS AHEAD OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL**

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The EPP heads of State and Government from the European Union (EU) will meet on 13 December in Brussels, 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 will include **Jan-Peter BALKENENDE** (The Netherlands), **François FILLON** (France), **Kostas KARAMANLIS** (Greece), **Jean-Claude JUNCKER** (Luxembourg), **Fredrik REINFELDT** (Sweden), **Lawrence GONZI** (Malta), **Janez JANSNA** (Slovenia), **Aigars KALVITIS** (Latvia) and **Traian BASESCU** (Romania), as well as Austrian Deputy Federal Chancellor **Wilhelm MOLTERER**, Danish Deputy Prime Minister **Bendt BENDTSEN**, and Czech Minister **Cyril SVOBODA**.

It will also be the first time that new Polish Prime Minister and leader of the Civic Platform **Donald TUSK** – a member of the EPP political family - will participate in an EPP meeting since winning the elections in Poland.

Amongst the EPP Party leaders, **Silvio BERLUSCONI** (Italy), **Luis Filipe MENEZES** (PSD – Portugal), **Erwin HUBER** (CSU – Germany), **Mikulas DZURINDA** (SDKU-DS, Slovakia), and **Nicos ANASTASIADES** (DR, Cyprus) will attend the Summit.

Prime Ministers **Ivo SANADER** (Croatia), **Sali BERISHA** (Albania), and **Nikola GRUEVSKI** (FYROM) will also be present, as well as the President of the CDI (Centrist Democrat International), **Pier Ferdinando CASINI**.

The Summit will be chaired by the President of the EPP, **Wilfried MARTENS**, and attended by the Secretary General of the EPP, **Antonio LOPEZ – ISTURIZ**.

On the agenda will be the preparation of the European Council (14 December) in Brussels, and in particular the ratification of the new EU Treaty.

**Practical Information:**

Date: 13 December 2007 at 19:00

Venue: Hôtel Le Méridien

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- Journalists without one of these documents must contact the EPP Press Officer, Javier Jiménez, (please see below for contact details).

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