

EPP LEADERS CALL ON THE EU TO COORDINATE EFFORTS AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE

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The EPP leaders, including 10 Heads of Governments from European Union (EU) Member States and four from non-EU countries, met today in Brussels to debate the challenge of climate change and the agenda of the European Council, amongst other topics.

The EPP leaders agreed on the need to tackle climate change and called on all EU institutions to coordinate their efforts in this fight.

The EPP leaders also reiterated their commitment to contribute to a quick ratification of the Lisbon Treaty through clear explanations to the European citizens on the advantages of

the new Treaty.

In addition, participants in the EPP Summit discussed the next European elections – which are due to take place mid-2009 – and indicated that if the EPP ascertained the largest political group in the European Parliament, as is currently the case, the President of the European Commission would most likely be a member of the EPP political family.

"Today's meeting was very important in order to work, even harder, on the real problems facing the citizens, such as climate change and the economy. I think that this is the most appropriate approach in view of the European elections next year," stated the President of the EPP, **Wilfried Martens**.

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