

EPP LEADERS MEET TO PREPARE THE EU COUNCIL

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Prime Ministers **Jan-Peter BALKENENDE** (Netherlands), **Silvio BERLUSCONI** (Italy), **Mikulas DZURINDA** (Slovakia), **Lawrence GONZI** (Malta), **Janez JANSA** (Slovenia), **Jean-Claude JUNCKER** (Luxembourg), **Aigars KALVITIS** (Latvia), **Kostas KARAMANLIS** (Greece), **Wolfgang SCHÖSSEL** (Austria), and European Commission President **Jos M. DURÃO BARROSO**, along with opposition and party leaders from all over Europe will meet on **June the 16th** at Meise (Brussels) for the EPP Summit in preparation of the upcoming EU Council in Brussels.

Moreover, Prime Ministers **Kjell Magne BONDEVIK** (Norway), **Ivo SANADER** (Croatia), **Vojislav KOSTUNICA** (Serbia), **Adnan TERZIC** (Bosnia-Herzegovina), the Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine **Roman BEZSMERTNYJ**, the Vice Chairman of the AKP (Turkey) **Saban DISLI**, and the Leader of the British Conservative Party **Michael HOWARD** will participate at the meeting as special guests.

EPP party leaders **Edmund STOIBER** (CSU-Germany), **Mariano RAJOY** (PP-Spain), **Luis MARQUES MENDES** (PSD-Portugal) as well as several European Ministers of Foreign Affairs will also be present at the EPP Summit.

EPP President **Wilfried MARTENS** stressed the large participation of EPP leaders at this Summit: *◆We are at a decisive moment for the future of the European Union and the EPP. As the biggest European political party we want to find the way to move forward◆*, he said.

The EPP Summit will take place in the Castle of Bouchout, National Botanic Garden of Belgium, in Meise, from **12:00 to 17:00h**.

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