

EPP PRESIDENT WELCOMES THE NOMINATION OF HANS-GERT POETTERING AS CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

14-11-2006



The President of the European People's Party (EPP), **Wilfried Martens**, has warmly welcomed this evening's decision of the EPP-ED Group in the European Parliament to nominate its Chairman, **Hans-Gert Poettering**, as its candidate for election of the next President of the European Parliament.

"Hans-Gert Poettering embodies all those elements needed to lead an institution like the European Parliament - the pivotal democratic institution of the European Union (EU). At this critical junction for the European Union, Hans-Gert Poettering has the experience, the political stature, and the leadership qualities to bring the European Parliament at the forefront of European decision-making and debate. There's no doubt in my mind that

Hans-Gert Poettering will be an excellent President," Martens stated.

"Needless to say, the EPP, its member-parties and leadership will, in unison, support the candidature of Hans-Gert Poettering. I look forward to receiving him next year at our EPP Summit meetings as President of the European Parliament," Martens concluded.

[\[See also press release of the EPP-ED Group\]](#)

For further information:

Javier Jiménez
EPP Press Officer
Rue du Commerce, 10
B-1000 Brussels
Phone: +32-2-2854-140 / +32 475 480 446
Email: jjimenez@epp.eu

 [Print](#)