

EPP LEADERS CALL ON EU MEMBER STATES TO UNITE ON ECONOMIC CRISIS (+ PICTURES)

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[The EPP Heads of State and Government along with the leaders of the EPP Member parties called on the EU Member States to reach an agreement on tackling the economic crisis in a coordinated and efficient way.](#)

During a meeting held prior to the European Council, the EPP leaders agreed on the necessity for the whole of the EU to share and implement the measures taken last Sunday by the Member States belonging to the Eurozone.

The EPP leaders underlined that coordinated action is the only way to guarantee jobs, growth and stability.

*"The EPP, along with the current President of the EU, **Nicolas Sarkozy**, has been extremely engaged in finding a fast solution for the economic slowdown and we will keep doing so on several levels, in cooperation with the Ministers for Economic and Foreign Affairs. Indeed, the economy, including its social aspects, will be one of the priorities for the EPP for the European elections of 2009,"* said EPP President, **Wilfried Martens**.

The EPP leaders further discussed the ratification of the Lisbon Treaty, the situation in Georgia and the Ukraine and the accession of Croatia to the EU.

The participants in today's EPP Summit also supported the initiative of the French Presidency to pass the climate and energy package before the end of the year.

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