

EPP PRESIDENT SUPPORTS GERB TO LEAD NEXT BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT

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EPP President, **Wilfried Martens**, met today the Mayor of Sofia and leader of GERB, **Boyko Borisov**, and GERB Chairman **Tsvetan Tsvetanov**, and expressed to them EPP's support for the upcoming European and national elections in Bulgaria.

"In recent years, GERB has become the leading political force in Bulgaria. I am confident that GERB will also have the leading role in a future center-right government," Martens stated during his official visit to Bulgaria.

With regard to recent speculation about EPP's opinion on possible coalition partners in a future government, President Martens stated that *"by definition, the EPP does not interfere with the domestic political processes of countries. Yet, from a European perspective, we do not support coalitions with extreme right or left political parties."*

During his visit to Bulgaria, he will also meet with representatives of all the EPP member parties of the country.

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