

UKRAINE: WILL YULIA TYMOSHENKO'S BLOC BE EXCLUDED FROM THE UPCOMING UKRAINIAN ELECTIONS?

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The European People's Party condemned the decision of the Central Election Commission of Ukraine not to register the candidates submitted by the **Yulia Tymoshenko's Bloc (BYuT)** for the upcoming parliamentary elections.

EPP President **Wilfried Martens** expressed his concern for the undemocratic behaviour of the CEC members of the governing coalition. *"If BYuT, the largest opposition force, will be excluded from the election process, then not only the legal system but also the free will of Ukrainian people will be violated,"* stressed the EPP President.

"We are pleased with today's decision of the district administrative court of Kyiv, which has obliged the Central Election Commission to reconsider BYuT's registration and register the political force for the September 30th ballot. The EPP is going to monitor closely the election process and we hope that the country that has declared its European choice, will act according to European norms and standards," President Martens concluded.

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