

EPP WELCOMES EUROPEAN COUNCIL AGREEMENT

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The European People's Party welcomed the European Council's agreement on the financial perspectives of the European Union, while avoiding a new crisis. EPP President **Wilfried MARTENS**, in his first reaction, said *"the meeting showed that Europe can be united if everyone is willing to reach a compromise. The [Summit of the EPP](#), which took place immediately before the European Council, decided in advance on the guidelines which finally made the agreement possible. Now it is up to the European Parliament to respond to this decision in a constructive way."*

Martens highlighted the positive role of the new German Chancellor **Angela MERKEL** in the negotiations: *"I want to congratulate Angela MERKEL for the important role she played as a mediator. Only weeks after her election as Chancellor, she has shown that Germany is back as the driving force of European integration - this was lacking in the last years."*

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