

ANGELA MERKEL WINS THE ELECTIONS

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The parliamentary elections in Germany brought a successful outcome for the Christian-Democrat parties of the EPP and their candidate Angela Merkel. CDU and CSU scored 35.2 %, which gives her the mandate to form the next government. For the first time in German history, a woman is now given the opportunity to lead the government.

CDU and CSU became the strongest political force by attacking the socialist chancellor Schröder for his failed policy in creating more jobs and lowering unemployment. After two terms in government, unemployment has reached 5 million, causing enormous problems for economic growth and public deficit.

EPP President Martens congratulated Angela Merkel on Sunday night: *◆With this result, Germany got the chance for a new beginning. It is also important for the European Union that the largest Member State recovers from its current economic crisis, because the problems in Germany have affected Europe as a whole. I am also certain that Angela Merkel as a Chancellor will offer new leadership in the EU.◆*

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