

EPP CONGRATULATES FREDRIK REINFELDT FOR LANDSLIDE VICTORY IN SWEDEN

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EPP President **Wilfried Martens** congratulated today **Fredrik Reinfeldt** and his the centre-right coalition for the landslide victory in the Swedish parliamentary elections.

"I am very happy that the EPP will now have one more Prime Minister in Europe. The Moderate Party scored its best result in the last 80 years, which shows that the broad centre-right coalition - together with the Christian Democrats, the Center Party and the Liberal Party - was the right way to reach a change in Sweden. The landslide victory also shows that the

citizens are convinced that the Social Democrat "Swedish model" is up for reform", President **Martens** said.

On Sunday night, the centre-right Alliance managed to gain 178 seats while the Left was defeated with 171 seats.

Also the EPP Vice President, **Jyrki Katainen**, from Nordic neighboring country Finland, pointed out that the election victory will most likely have wider implications in the political situation in the region.

"Moderaterna's victory is very important for the EPP. I am confident that this trend will strengthen the position of the EPP in the coming elections in Nordic countries", Vice-President **Katainen** commented today in Brussels.

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