

EPP LEADERS WILL MEET IN HELSINKI TO PREPARE THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL

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European People's Party (EPP) Prime Ministers and Heads of Government **Jan-Peter BALKENENDE** (The Netherlands), **Kostas KARAMANLIS** (Greece), **Fredrik REINFELDT** (Sweden), **Wolfgang SCHÜSSEL** (Austria), **Jean-Claude JUNCKER** (Luxembourg), **Lawrence GONZI** (Malta), **Janez JANSKA** (Slovenia), **Aigars KALVITIS** (Latvia), and **José Manuel BARROSO**, European Commission President, will meet on 19th October 2006 in Helsinki (Finland).

Amongst the EPP Party leaders, **Jyrki KATAINEN** (Kokoomus – Finland), **Mariano RAJOY** (PP - Spain), **Mikuláš DZURINDA** (SDKU-DS, Slovakia), **Luis MARQUES MENDES** (PSD – Portugal) and **Taavi VESKIMAGI** (Res Publica – Estonia) will be present at this meeting.

In addition, President **Traian BASESCU** (Romania), Prime Minister **Ivo SANADER** (Croatia) and Prime Minister **Sali BERISHA** (Albania) will also participate.

On the agenda will be the preparation of the European Council in Lahti (20th October 2006), including Illegal Immigration, European Energy Policy and Research and Development in the EU.

Date: the 19th of October 2006 (from 19:30 hrs to 23:00 hrs)

Venue: Hotel Kämp

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NOTE TO THE PRESS:

A family photo will take place at the beginning of the meeting: 19:30

Photo and TV camera opportunities will take place during the meeting. Sound registration is not allowed.

The Secretary General of the EPP, **Antonio LOPEZ-ISTURIZ**, will make a statement on the development of the Summit at 21:30. The President of the EPP, **Wilfried MARTENS**, will give a press conference at the end of the meeting.

For security reasons, please ensure you bring a valid accreditation: Journalists and cameramen will be given access to the venue upon presentation of their accreditation for the European Council in Lahti or their national/European press card. Journalists without one of these documents must contact Javier Jimenez, EPP Press Officer. E-mail: jjimenez@epp.eu

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