

## **BULGARIA: EUROPEAN ELECTION RESULTS WELCOMED BY THE EPP-ED CHAIRMAN, JOSEPH DAUL**

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**Joseph Daul**, Chairman of the EPP-ED Group in the European Parliament, welcomed the results of the first European elections in Bulgaria and congratulated the Bulgarian people for their first European vote. *"The European Parliament is the only institution of the European Union whose members are directly elected by the citizens. This gives it with a particular responsibility."*

After these elections, the Group of the European People's Party and European Democrats remains the most important and influential group with 278 Members, including the new European deputies from Bulgaria, 5 from the Citizens for European Development of Bulgaria (GERB). *"I am delighted to welcome the new colleagues with whom I am confident that we will work successfully. Our experience with the Observers, and afterwards with the Bulgarian Members of the European Parliament even before these direct European elections, allowed us to build up an efficient partnership, inspired by our common values"*, stressed Joseph Daul.

*"The EPP-ED Group and its political family has always been the driving force of the enlargement. We have worked to enable Bulgaria to take its proper place in the European Union. The Bulgarian people decided with its vote to strengthen our Group further and to reconfirm it as the single political force comprising European deputies from all Member States of the Union. We will do our best to merit its confidence"*, concluded the Chairman of the EPP-ED Group.

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