

EPP REMEMBERS LUCAS PIRES WITH SADNESS AND ADMIRATION ♦ WILFRIED MARTENS IN COIMBRA ON 31 MAY

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On the tenth anniversary of his death (22 May 1998), the European People's Party (EPP) remembers **Francisco Lucas Pires** with admiration, gratitude and sadness.

Francisco Lucas Pires was the first Portuguese Vice-President of the European Parliament and was elected in January 1986 after the accession of his country to the European Union and, consequently, the arrival of the Portuguese deputies in the European Parliament.

Francisco Lucas Pires marked European policy with his clever and strong political ideas, deeply Christian and pro-European. In his country, Portugal, Lucas Pires, received continued support for his slogan "Mais Europa" ("More Europe") during his twelve year mandate.

The EPP remembers Francisco Lucas Pires with respect, and is attending the memorial service which will take place at the University of Coimbra on 31 May at 18:00.

The EPP, the largest political force in Europe, will be represented by its President, **Wilfried Martens**.

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