

LITHUANIAN LKD ELECTS A NEW PARTY CHAIRMAN

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Last Friday, on March 19, one day before the Congress of the Lithuanian Christian Democrats ♦ Congress Kazys Bobelis, the Chairman of the LKD, the Lithuanian Observer in the EPP - ED Group, announced in a public statement that he was resigning from the position of Chairman of the party. Kazys Bobelis ♦ motive for his decision was that he found it difficult to combine his mandate with his work as Observer in the European Parliament.

The next day, on March 20th, at the Congress of the LKD, Valentinas Stundys, Mayor of the City of Moletai, was elected as new Chairman of the Lithuanian Christian Democrats. The other nominated candidates were MP Algirdas Saudargas, Kaunas Vice-Mayor Kazimieras Kuzminskas, MP Petras Grazulis, Vice-Chairman of the Board of the LKD Ignas Vegele and the Businessman Juozas Petraitis.

During the process Algirdas Saudargas and Juozas Petraitis stepped down as candidates.

The Council of the Party remains the same and the decision regarding the make-up of the Executive Board will be taken during the next meeting of the Council.

The order of the candidates list for the European Elections was adopted during the Congress. According to the new rules this list will finally need the approval from the Executive Board of the LKD.

EPP Chairman Wilfried Martens sent congratulations to the new chairman of the LKD.