

SPAIN: PRESIDENT MARTENS SHOWS SUPPORT FOR MARIANO RAJOY, LEADER OF PARTIDO POPULAR

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The President of the EPP, **Wilfried Martens**, participated in the Partido Popular Congress in Valencia (Spain) over the weekend, where **Mariano Rajoy** was re-elected as President of the Party.

During his speech in the closing session, Martens endorsed Mr Rajoy and said, *"He is a leader of the political centre who wants the best for Spain and for Europe."*

President Martens sent Rajoy his best wishes for the coming years and added, *"The Partido Popular has an opportunity to increase prosperity in Spain and to improve the country's role in Europe."*

"The Partido Popular is committed to ensuring a safe and modern Spain. It believes in promoting social welfare for everyone and is developing the right policies to do so," stated Martens.

As the most influential political force in Europe, *"the EPP is creating a Europe of the future, with leaders like Nicolas Sarkozy in France and Angela Merkel in Germany,"* concluded the EPP President.

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