

## EPP PRESIDENT WELCOMES IMPRESSIVE ELECTION RESULT BY AKP

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The President of the European People's Party (EPP), **Wilfried Martens**, welcomed today the impressive election victory of AKP, following the political crisis of recent months in Turkey. AKP, who received 46.7% and 340 seats, is an observer-member of the EPP since January 2005.

*"This result confirms that the majority of the Turkish people support the reforms implemented by the government of Prime Minister **Recep Tayyip Erdogan**. It also confirms that the AK Party is a viable political force with a clear European orientation,"* the EPP President stated.

*"I am confident that this electoral result will mark the start of a new phase of European transformation for Turkey. Needless to say, the EPP will continue to support the reforms implemented for strengthening democracy and the rule of law in Turkey,"* President Martens concluded.

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