

ROMANIA: MARTENS ENDORSES PD CANDIDATES FOR EUROPEAN ELECTIONS

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The President of the European People's Party (EPP) **Wilfried Martens** participated on Monday 22 October 2007 in the official presentation of the candidates of the Democratic Party (PD) of Romania that will compete for the European Parliament elections of 25 November 2007. The event took place in Bucharest and was hosted by the Democratic Party of Romania.

Martens formally endorsed the PD candidates while also underlining the impressive reforms implemented in recent years by the PD leadership in Romania: *"as members of the Democratic Party, they are equally members of the EPP, and the results of their work can be included among*

the ongoing efforts that our political family has been striving for in the last 50 years in order to create a Europe capable to ensure for its citizens a better life and a safer future".

In this context, President Martens stressed that *"during this spring, the exclusion of the Democratic Party from the government, despite the remarkable achievements by its representatives, followed by the unjustified impeachment of the President of Romania and by the attempt of the government and of some political parties to dismiss the President, have raised serious doubts regarding Romania's will and capacity to carry on the underlying reforms".*

"The EPP never stopped granting Romania its firm and sincere support on the European political scene. I continue to give my trust to the Romanian people and its profound attachment to the democratic and European values. Romania's vision for itself and its people is the same as all European countries have. It would be unfair for the citizens to have to suffer as a result of certain attitudes or political gestures that do not reflect their values or as a result of the mentalities and practices that the Romanians would have wanted to disappear from the political environment", Martens added.

"We express our confidence that the future electoral options of the Romanians will reinforce the same trenchant preference for a European future, for justice and for the final detachment from a past tainted by corruption and by policies that supported the interests of a minority and not those of the entire country", he concluded.

Along with Wilfried Martens, the President of Romania and former PD President **Traian Băsescu**, and PD President **Emil Boc**, were keynote speakers in the Bucharest event.

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