

## EPP CELEBRATES 50TH BIRTHDAY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

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The European People's Party (EPP) celebrated today the 50th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome with an Extraordinary Summit in Berlin, just a few meters from the Branderbourg Gate.

Over 60 participants - 9 Heads of Government, the Presidents of EPP member parties, the President of the European Parliament, **Hans-Gert Poettering**, the Vice President of the European Commission

**Franco Frattini**, and many others - participated at this historic meeting, which was hosted by German Chancellor **Angela Merkel** and chaired by EPP President **Wilfried Martens**.

The EPP and the EPP Members of the EPP-ED Group in the European Parliament adopted a Common Declaration on the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the European Union (EU).

*"I am particularly pleased with the outcome of this historic EPP Summit since we adopted a Declaration that expresses the vision of our great political family for the years ahead. The forefathers of the EPP were the driving force of the European project and they inspire us and give us strength to tackle the challenges that lie ahead,"* President Wilfried Martens stated.

*"It is a great honor for me and for Berlin to host this pivotal event. We all agreed that we need Europe in order to face the global political challenges together and to take the lead,"* Chancellor Angela Merkel added.

The full text of the EPP Declaration is available in [English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#) and [German](#). The photos of the Summit are [here](#).

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