

ITALY: TIME FOR CHANGE - JOSEPH DAUL, CHAIRMAN OF THE EPP-ED GROUP

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Following the resignation of the Head of the Italian Government, Romano Prodi, after losing a vote of confidence in the Senate, **Joseph Daul**, the Chairman of the EPP-ED Group in the European Parliament said: "The time for change, the time for an alternative, has come for this country, the time for action too."

Mr Prodi said himself that having lost the vote of confidence in the Senate, *"Italy cannot allow itself the luxury of a new period of political uncertainty."*

"Yes", said Joseph Daul, following a meeting in Slovenia with Prime Minister **Janez Janša**, *"Italy needs a stable and efficient government, and during this very difficult economic period, Europe needs firm and responsible action from all its Member States, including Italy"*, concluded Joseph Daul.

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