

ROMANIA: EPP AND EPP-ED GROUP THRILLED AT ITS SISTER PARTIES' SUCCESS IN EUROPEAN ELECTIONS

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Joseph Daul MEP, Chairman of the EPP-ED Group in the European Parliament, and **Wilfried Martens**, President of the EPP Party welcomed the results of the first European elections in Romania and congratulated the Romanian people on their first European vote.

Martens and Daul said: *"Today's elections mark a watershed in relations between Bucharest and Brussels. Romania has a significant part to play in the*

development of the European Union. We, in the EPP-ED Group, are thrilled that we shall be working with members of the highest calibre who can now raise Romania's voice at the centre of EU policy-making. We are coming together in Europe to promote the values of peace, freedom and prosperity, values that the people of Romania have fought for in recent history."

Accordingly, with the exit polls after the vote, the Group of the European People's Party and European Democrats remains the most important and influential group with 282 Members, including the new European Deputies from Romania, 11 from the Democratic Party and 2 from the Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania. *"We are delighted to welcome the new colleagues with whom we are confident we will work successfully"*, stressed Joseph Daul and Wilfried Martens.

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