

CROATIA: SANADER OBTAINS VICTORY ♦ NEW EPP GOVERNMENT

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The President of the European People's Party (EPP), Wilfried Martens, congratulated HDZ President and Prime Minister of Croatia Ivo Sanader for his victory in the country's parliamentary elections. He also congratulated the President of the HSS Josip Friscic for a strong showing in his coalition. The HDZ and HSS are associate member-parties of the EPP.

"This is an excellent result for Prime Minister Sanader. The Croatian nation has renewed its trust in him and he is now empowered to complete the important task of the accession of Croatia to the European Union," Martens stated.

"I look forward to a strong EPP government in Croatia led by Prime Minister Sanader. We count on Josip Friscic and the HSS that they, as Associate Members in the EPP will support the Prime Minister in a new coalition government – a government that will soon become the 28th government of the European Union," concluded the EPP President.

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