

EPP CONGRATULATES PM BORISOV FOR VOTE OF CONFIDENCE; WITH BORISOV, EPP HAS ABSOLUTE MAJORITY IN COUNCIL

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The President of the European People's Party (EPP) **Wilfried Martens** and the Secretary General of the EPP **Antonio Lopez-Isturiz** congratulated today Prime Minister **Boyko Borisov** and his government for receiving a vote of confidence in the Bulgarian parliament with 162 votes. Borisov and his GERB party, who won a sweeping victory in the parliamentary elections earlier this month, is a member of the EPP.

"We would like to send our warmest congratulations to Prime Minister Boyko Borisov and his government for receiving a strong vote of confidence today in the Bulgarian parliament. Borisov will have to re-vitalize his country which has been left paralyzed by bad Socialist governance; but we are convinced that he will succeed not only because of his strong leadership qualities but also because of his deep commitment to EPP values, European values," stated the President and Secretary General of the EPP.

"We are also particularly pleased that Prime Minister Borisov has put the EPP over the top in the European Council. With Borisov, the EPP now has 14 out of 27 heads of state and government in the Council, in other words the absolute majority. We, therefore, look forward to receiving in October Prime Minister Borisov at the biggest-ever EPP Summit of heads of state and government," Martens and Lopez-Isturiz added.

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