

EPP REGRETS THE LOSS OF HANS-AUGUST LÜCKER

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The former Chairman of the EPP Group in the European Parliament, **Hans-August Lücker**, died today at the age of 92 in Bonn. Lücker was one of the founders of the European People's Party and a member of the European Parliament from 1958 to 1984 for the German CSU.

In memoriam to one of EPP's founding fathers, EPP President **Wilfried Martens** made the following statement:

"The EPP has lost one of its founders and a truly convinced European. He was one of the driving forces to create the EPP as the first truly European Party. He was convinced that the Christian Democratic movement had to reflect on its long-term political goals and to act accordingly. Therefore our family needed a strong European political party. Under the leadership and guidance of Hans-August Lücker - who was 20 years older than me and had enormous experience - I drafted the Statutes and the first Basic Programme of the EPP. Our project was approved in Paris on the 29th of April 1976: the "EPP - Federation of the Christian Democratic Parties in the European Community" was founded.

A close friend of Robert Schuman, Hans-August Lücker shared his visionary views and belonged to the people who made Europe strong. The EPP deeply regrets his loss."

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