

7th JUNE - CONFERENCE ON **EPP PRIORITIES FOR A EUROPE CLOSER TO THE CITIZENS**

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The European People's Party (EPP) will hold on **Wednesday 7th of June** a conference entitled **EPP Priorities for a Europe closer to the citizens** with the participation, amongst other, of the President of the European Commission, **Jos Manuel Barroso**; the President of the EPP, **Wilfried Martens**; the Secretary General of the EPP, **Antonio Lopez Isturiz**; and the Chairman of the EPP-ED Group in the European Parliament, **Hans-Gert Poettering**.

The conference will include four panels: **Driving Economic Reforms in Europe**, **From European Security to Global Responsibility**; **Reforms for more Transparency and Efficiency in the EU**; and **External Borders of the EU in the context of Enlargement**.

EPP Conference

Date: **7th June (from 16:00 hrs to 19:00 hrs)**
Venue: European Parliament (Brussels), Room A5E-2

Programme

16.00-16.20 Opening statements by:

Mr. Wilfried MARTENS, EPP President

Mr. Hans-Gert POETTERING, Chairman of the EPP-ED Group

16.20-16.35 Keynote Speech

Mr. Jose Manuel DURAO BARROSO, President of the European Commission

16.35-17.05 Panel 1: Driving Economic Reforms in Europe

Progressing towards More and Better Jobs

Alojz PETERLE, MEP, former Prime-Minister of Slovenia

Implementing the Lisbon Agenda

Antonio TAJANI, MEP, President of Forza Italia Delegation in the European Parliament

17.05-17.45 Panel 2: From European Security to Global Responsibility

Protecting Europe's Citizens

Antonio LOPEZ-ISTURIZ, EPP Secretary General, MEP

Towards a European Security Strategy

Mario DAVID, Member of Parliament

Transatlantic Cooperation to Secure the World

Viktor ORBAN, President of FIDESZ, former Prime Minister of Hungary

17.45-18.20 Panel 3: Reforms for More Transparency and Efficiency in the EU

The Future of a European Constitutional Treaty

Peter HINTZE, Parliamentary Secretary of State

Subsidiarity and More Transparent Decision-making

Ingo FRIEDRICH, MEP, Vice-President of the European Parliament

18.20-19.00 Panel 4: External Borders of the EU in the Context of Enlargement

EU Enlargement in Perspective

Camiel EURLINGS, MEP, Chairman of the Delegation to the EURussia Parliamentary Cooperation Committee

The European Neighbourhood Policy

Jacek SARYUSZ WOLSKI, MEP, Vice-President of the European Parliament

Bridges for Cooperation: EU-Russia Policy

Jyrki KATAINEN, Kokoomus Party Leader, MEP