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## Cyprus: EPP President Wilfried Martens congratulates Nicos Anastasiades for DISY's great victory; the beginning of the end of left, europhobic governance

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The President of the European People's Party (EPP), **Wilfried Martens**, congratulated this morning the President of the Democratic Rally of Cyprus (DISY) **Nicos Anastasiades** for the great victory achieved by his party in yesterday's parliamentary elections. DISY scored 1st place and received 34,3% of the vote and 20 out of 56 seats (up 3,8% and 2 seats from the 2006 elections).

"I warmly congratulate Nicos Anastasiades and the Democratic Rally for the victorious result. This result is particularly welcomed since it has strengthened the wave of EPP victories across Europe. Like most Europeans in recent months, Cypriots have given their trust to a party that can secure much needed economic growth, employment opportunities, public sector reforms, and fiscal stability," President Martens underlined.

"The election result is also a strong vote of confidence for Europe since DISY is the leading and reliable proponent of the European project in Cyprus. Even though Europe has been sidelined in the last three years by the current Cypriot President, I am convinced that DISY's victory marks the beginning of the end of his left, europhobic governance," Wilfried Martens added.

### Note to editors:

The EPP is the largest and most influential European-level political party of the centre right, which currently includes 75 member-parties from 39 countries, the Presidents of the Commission, Council, and Parliament, 16 EU and 6 non-EU heads of state and government, 13 members of the European Commission and the largest Group in the European Parliament.

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