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EPP President: 2011 a year of stability for the Euro - European Council conclusions

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The President of the European People's Party (EPP), **Wilfried MARTENS**, welcomed the conclusions of the European Council and underlined the preparatory role of yesterday's Party Summit in Meise (see [photos here](#)):

"I welcome the conclusions of the European Council and I am particularly pleased that they largely reflect our own conclusions from yesterday's discussions at the EPP Summit: the formulation a very limited Treaty amendment and the swift implementation of the stability mechanism, a joint strategy on strengthening economic governance, fiscal responsibility, and stimulating economic growth in Europe. I am convinced that today's decisions signal that 2011 will be a year of stability for the Euro," declared the EPP President.

The EPP also welcomed yesterday at its Summit as a special guest of honor **His Majesty ABDULLAH II King of Jordan**. The King of Jordan discussed with the EPP leaders the importance of intercultural and interreligious dialogue as well as the situation in the Middle East peace process.

EU institution Presidents **Herman VAN ROMPUY**, **José Manuel BAROSSO** and **Jerzy BUZEK**, as well as **Angela MERKEL** (Germany), **Jean-Claude JUNCKER** (Luxembourg - President of the Eurogroup), **Fredrik REINFELDT** (Sweden), **Viktor ORBÁN** (Hungary - incoming EU President), **Silvio BERLUSCONI** (Italy), **Valdis DOMBROVSKIS** (Latvia), **Traian BĂSESCU** (Romania), **Boyko BORISOV** (Bulgaria), **Lawrence GONZI** (Malta), and **Iveta RADIČOVÁ** (Slovakia) attended the EPP Summit.

Moreover, Deputy Prime Minister **Jyrki KATAINEN** (Finland), Deputy Prime Minister **Maxime VERHAGEN** (the Netherlands), Deputy Prime Minister **Karel SCHWARZENBERG** (Czech Republic), and opposition leaders **Enda KENNY** (Ireland), **Antonis SAMARAS** (Greece), **Nikos ANASTASIADES** (Cyprus), and **Janez JANŠA** (Slovenia) also attended the Party Summit.

Non-EU heads of state and government **Jadranka KOSOR** (Croatia), **Nikola GRUEVSKI** (FYROM), **Sali BERISHA** (Albania), **Vlad FILAT** (Moldova) and **Bakir IZETBEGOVIC** (Bosnia and Herzegovina) attended the Party Summit.

Note to editors:

The EPP is the largest and most influential European-level political party of the centre-right, which currently includes 73 member-parties from 39 countries, the Presidents of the Commission, Council, and Parliament, 14 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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