



Latvia: EPP hails victory of PM Dombrovskis; another centre-right victory for Europe

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The President of the European People's Party (EPP) **Wilfried Martens**, congratulated today the election victory of Prime Minister **Valdis Dombrovskis** and his centre-right 'Unity' alliance of EPP member-parties Civic Union and New Era. The election of PM Dombrovskis marks another EPP victory in less than two weeks, following last month's re-election of Swedish PM Fredrik Reinfeldt.

"I congratulate Prime Minister Dombrovskis and the Unity coalition for their victorious election campaign. Valdis Dombrovskis' calm, decisive, and effective approach in dealing with the economic crisis has been recognized by the Latvian people and have given him a strong mandate to continue," underlined the EPP President.

"As with the Swedish elections, the Latvian elections again prove that the centre-right EPP approach, is the only credible approach to resolve the current economic and financial crisis in the EU and the Member States. I wish PM Dombrovskis all the best in forming his new government and I look forward to personally congratulating him - together with all other EPP Prime Ministers - at the upcoming EPP Summit of 28 October 2010," Martens added.

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, 15 EU and 5 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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