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Estonia: EPP President congratulates new IRL leader

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The President of the European People's Party (EPP), **Wilfried Martens**, congratulated today **Urmas Reinsalu**, who was elected President of Estonia's IRL, a member-party of the EPP. He succeeds **Mart Laar**, Estonia's Minister of Defence:

"I would like to warmly congratulate Urmas Reinsalu. A young and dynamic leader, Reinsalu will surely give new impetus and energy to the IRL. Reinsalu has also rich European experience, starting from his participation at the Convention on the Future of Europe. I look forward to working with him at the EU level, in the framework of EPP's activities," President Martens stated.

"I also want to pay tribute to Mart Laar for his excellent work as President of the IRL and for his active and continuous engagement in the work of the EPP," Martens added.

Reinsalu was elected with an absolute majority in the first round of voting at the IRL Congress in Tallinn. The Congress also focused on family values and education policy.

Note to editors:

The EPP is the largest and most influential European-level political party of the centre-right, which currently includes 74 member-parties from 39 countries, the Presidents of the European Commission and the European Council, 17 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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