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4 March: Katainen hosts EPP leaders in Helsinki to prepare Eurozone Summit

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At the invitation of **Jyrki KATAINEN** - Kokoomus leader, Deputy Prime Minister of Finland, and Vice President of the European People's Party (EPP) - a special Summit of EU heads of state and government of the EPP, will take place in Helsinki on 4 March 2011. On the agenda will be the preparation of the 11 March Eurozone Summit.

The EPP Summit in Helsinki will feature European Commission President **José Manuel BARROSO**, European Council President **Herman VAN ROMPUY**, European Parliament President **Jerzy BUZEK**, EU Council President & Prime Minister **Viktor ORBÁN** (Hungary), Chancellor **Angela MERKEL** (Germany), President **Traian BĂSESCU** (Romania), PM **Silvio BERLUSCONI** (Italy), PM **François FILLON** (France), PM **Valdis DOMBROVSKIS** (Latvia), PM **Lawrence GONZI** (Malta), PM **Andrius KUBILIUS** (Lithuania) and PM **Yves LETERME** (Belgium).

Ireland's Fine Gael leader and EPP Vice President **Enda KENNY** will also attend.

The Party Summit will also feature Vice Chancellor **Josef PRÖLL** (Austria), Deputy Prime Minister **Karel SCHWARZENBERG** (Czech Republic), and Nea Demokratia President **Antonis SAMARAS** (Greece). [*Note: this is not the final list of participants - more confirmations are expected*].

The President of the EPP, **Wilfried MARTENS**, will chair the EPP Summit. EPP Secretary General **Antonio LÓPEZ-ISTÚRIZ** and the members of the EPP Presidency will also attend.

EPP Summit

Date: Friday, 4 March 2011

Venue: Hotel KAMP, Pohjoisesplanadi 29, Helsinki, Finland

Time zone: Eastern European Time (EET)

Detailed Programme:

18.30 – 19.30: Jyrki KATAINEN will be receiving the leaders and offer photo ops & brief statements

19.30 – 22.00: Summit meeting

22.00: Family Photo

22.10 -22:30: Press conference

Press & Registration:

16.30: Opening of the press area

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Broadcast footage from the EPP Summit will be available on [EBU](#) after 18.00 (EET); EBU will offer at 22.10 (EET) live streaming the press conference

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, 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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