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Jyrki Katainen to host EPP Prime Ministers meeting in Helsinki on March 4th, ahead of the Eurozone Summit

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Following today's successful meeting of the Ministers of Economy and Finance of the European People's Party (EPP), **Jyrki Katainen** - EPP Vice President, Kokoomus leader and Deputy Prime Minister of Finland - has invited the Prime Ministers of the EPP to meet in Helsinki on March 4th. In Helsinki, the EPP Prime Ministers will prepare the Eurozone Summit of March 11th.

At the end of the EPP EcoFin meeting, which took place in the headquarters of the EPP in Brussels, Jyrki Katainen confirmed the March 4th EPP PM meeting:

"Indeed, after conferring with EPP President **Wilfried Martens** and my European colleagues, it is my great pleasure to announce that I will host in Helsinki a special meeting of EPP Prime Ministers, which will focus on the preparation of the crucial Eurozone Summit of March 11th. The meeting in Helsinki is further proof of EPP's commitment to bolster our common currency and to bring economic governance forward," Katainen underlined.

The President of the EPP Wilfried Martens warmly welcomed Katainen's initiative:

"I am very pleased with the initiative of Jyrki Katainen. I am convinced that his great experience in chairing the successful EPP EcoFin Ministerial meetings will be of great added-value in the EPP Prime Ministers' meeting in Helsinki."

Note to the press:

Date: 4 March 2011, 19.30 hrs

Venue: Hotel KAMP, Pohjoisesplanadi 29, Helsinki

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