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## Ireland: Enda Kenny elected Taoiseach, becomes 15th EPP PM in the European Union

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The President of the European People's Party (EPP) **Wilfried Martens** congratulated today Fine Gael leader and EPP Vice President **Enda Kenny** for his election as Taoiseach (Prime Minister) in the 31st Dáil (parliament) by the biggest majority in the history of Ireland. In the 25 February elections, Fine Gael won 76 out of 166 seats and 36.1% of the vote and is now the senior coalition partner of the new Irish government. Fine Gael is a founding party of the EPP:

"I congratulate Enda Kenny for his election as Taoiseach and the overwhelming majority his government received in the Dáil. After the dramatic political shift from the February 25th elections, Enda Kenny now has the mandate to put his country back on track and get Ireland working," President Martens underlined.

"I am convinced that Enda Kenny will soon bring Ireland at the centre-stage of the European Union (EU). His strong leadership, constructive approach, and his longstanding European political engagement as EPP Vice President, are widely recognized and appreciated in Europe," the EPP added.

"I look forward to welcoming Enda Kenny at the March 24th EPP Summit in Brussels and congratulating him for becoming EPP's 15th head of government in the European Union," President Martens concluded.

### 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 European Commission, European Council, and European Parliament, 15 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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