

If you are having trouble viewing this message, [see it in your browser](#).



■ [press release](#)

■ [www.epp.eu](#)

EPP Headquarters | Press and Communication Department | 10, rue du Commerce | B-1000 Brussels
Phone: +32-(0)2-285 41 47 | Fax: +32-(0)2-300 80 13 | E-mail: press@epp.eu

Marseille: EPP leaders adopt declaration for resolving the euro crisis; two-day Congress in Marseille an EPP milestone

Marseille, 8 December 2011



The European People's Party (EPP) concluded today its two-day Congress in Marseille, France. Attended by nearly 2,000 participants, the EPP Congress adopted its document '**Moving Europe Forward**', which outlines its long-term policy strategy, and fifteen resolutions. Moreover, the EPP Summit of heads of state and government agreed on a **five-point declaration** for resolving the euro crisis. Specifically, the EPP Summit declaration calls for: **a) implementing fiscal consolidation, b) strengthening governance, c) reinforcing the firewall, d) restoring financial stability, e) boosting competitiveness and potential growth.**

"Our two-day Congress was a new milestone for our political family. Ahead of the crucial Summit of the European Council, our leaders have taken the responsibility to put forward a specific set of measures to resolve once and for all the euro crisis. At this critical moment for Europe, we need to show leadership and take action now," underlined the President of the EPP **Wilfried MARTENS**.

Among others, the EPP adopted a series of resolutions including "**Job creation: a priority for growth policies**", which complements the five-point declaration for resolving the euro crisis. All approved documents, can be found at <http://epp2011.eu>. Photos from the Congress are available on <http://flickr.epp.eu> and a selection of videos with speeches can be found on <http://youtube.epp.eu>.

The following EU heads of state and government attended the EPP Congress: **Nicolas SARKOZY** (France), **François FILLON** (France), **Angela MERKEL** (Germany), **Donald TUSK** (Poland - EU Council Presidency), **Traian BASESCU** (Romania), **Emil BOC** (Romania), **Viktor ORBÁN** (Hungary), **Fredrik REINFELDT** (Sweden), **Enda KENNY** (Ireland), **Boyko BORISOV** (Bulgaria), **Lawrence GONZI** (Malta), **Jyrki KATAINEN** (Finland), and **Pedro PASSOS COELHO** (Portugal).

Spain's Prime minister-elect **Mariano RAJOY** and Croatia's Prime Minister **Jadranka KOSOR** also attended.

The President of the European Commission **José Manuel BARROSO**, the President

of European Parliament **Jerzy BUZEK**, the Chairman of the EPP Group in the European Parliament **Joseph DAUL**, the Secretary General of the EPP **Antonio LÓPEZ-ISTÚRIZ**, the Secretary General of the UMP **Jean-François COPÉ**, and members of the EPP Presidency were also present.

The leaders of EPP member parties, **Antonis SAMARAS** (Greece), **Angelino ALFANO** (Italy), **Nicos ANASTASIADIS** (Cyprus), **Lars BARFOED** (Denmark), and **Erna SOLBERG** (Norway) addressed the EPP Congress. **Silvio BERLUSCONI** and many other member-party leaders attended the EPP Congress.

Non-EU heads of state and government **Mikheil SAKASHVILI** (Georgia), **Vlad FILAT** (Moldova), **Nikola GRUEVSKI** (FYROM), **Sali BERISHA** (Albania), **Serzh SARGSYAN** (Armenia), and **Eugenia CARR**, the daughter of **Yulia TYMOSHENKO** (Ukraine), also attended the Congress in Marseille.

Finally, the Congress presented the EPP Merit Award to the former President of the European Central Bank **Jean-Claude TRICHET** to honor his outstanding contribution to the European project.

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, European Council, and European Parliament, 16 EU and 6 non-EU heads of state and government, 13 members of the European Commission and the largest Group in the European Parliament.

For more information:

Kostas Sasmatzoglou, EPP Spokesman, Tel. +32-2-2854147

Javier Jiménez, EPP Senior and Communications Press Officer, Tel. +32-475480446

Karine Milheiro, EPP Press Officer, Tel. +32-491612369

This message sent to by press@epp.eu
EPP Headquarters - 10, rue du Commerce, B-1000 Brussels
Press and Communication Department
Kostas Sasmatzoglou, Spokesman (Tel: +32-2-2854147)
Javier Jimenez, Press Officer (Tel: +32-475480446)
[Unsubscribe](#) | [Forward To A Friend](#)

