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EPP: Czech TOP09 and Moldovan PLDM join; approved resolutions, including on Albania

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The Political Assembly of the European People's Party (EPP) has decided unanimously to accept the Czech party TOP09 as a full member and the Liberal Democratic Party of Moldova (PLDM) as an observer member. EPP President **Wilfried Martens** welcomed the new members:

"The accession of both parties underlines once again that the EPP is the leading political force in Europe and that our ideas and values

continue to gain ground. I am convinced that TOP09 and its leader **Karel Schwarzenberg** in the Czech Republic and the PLDM and its leader PM **Vlad Filat** in Moldova will actively promote our EPP policies," EPP President Wilfried Martens stated.

The Political Assembly also adopted [a resolution on the situation in Albania](#) and President Martens underlined the responsibility of the Socialists to de-escalate the current political tension:

"As our resolution states, Edi Rama, his party, but also his Socialist allies in Europe, have to start acting responsibly for the sake of Albania's democracy and for its European future," the EPP President underlined.

The Political Assembly also approved the following resolutions:

- [Resolution on "intolerance, discrimination and violence on the basis of religion or belief"](#)
- [Resolution on "Safeguarding the future of pensions through intergenerational solidarity"](#)
- [Resolution on "Higher Education in times of crisis"](#)

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 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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