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## 16 June: EPP leaders to meet for Party Summit ahead of European Council, in Meise

Brussels, 15 June 2010



The EU heads of state and government of the European People's Party (EPP), along with the Presidents of the European Council, the European Commission, and the European Parliament - **Herman VAN ROMPUY**, **Jose Manuel BARROSO**, and **Jerzy BUZEK** - will meet on the evening of 16 June in Meise (Brussels) for the Statutory Summit of the Party (details below). **Wilfried MARTENS**, the President of the EPP, will host the Party Summit. **Antonio LOPEZ-ISTURIZ**, EPP Secretary General, and the members of the EPP Presidency will be attending.

The EPP Summit participants will include **Angela MERKEL** (Germany), **Jean-Claude JUNCKER** (Luxembourg), **Donald TUSK** (Poland), **Silvio BERLUSCONI** (Italy), **Viktor ORBAN** (Hungary), **Fredrik REINFELDT** (Sweden), **Andrius KUBILIUS** (Lithuania), **Lawrence GONZI** (Malta), **Traian BASESCU** (Romania), **Boyko BORISOV**, (Bulgaria) **Jan-Peter BALKENENDE** (The Netherlands), and **Yves LETERME** (Belgium).

**Jyrki KATAINEN**, Deputy Prime Minister of Finland and EPP Vice President, and **Josef PRÖLL**, Vice Chancellor of Austria, will be also attend the Party Summit.

In addition, EPP opposition leaders and presidents of EPP member parties will participate at the Summit: **Enda KENNY**, Fine Gael leader (Ireland) and EPP Vice President, **Mariano RAJOY** (PP, Spain), **Antonis SAMARAS** (ND, Greece), **Janez JANSKA** (SDS, Slovenia), **Nicos ANASTASIADIS** (DR, Cyprus), **Pedro PASSOS COELHO** (PSD, Portugal), and **Mikulás DZURINDA** (SDKU-DS, Slovakia).

On the agenda will be the preparation of the European Council meeting of 17 June.

### EPP Statutory Summit:

Date: **16 June, from 19:30 to 22:00 – entrance for arrivals opens at 18:30**

Venue: [The Castle of Bouchout, National Botanic Garden of Belgium, Meise \(just outside Brussels\)](#)

### NOTE TO THE PRESS:

- EPP will be offering live info and photo feeds from EPP Summit, at our official **Twitter** and **Flickr** web pages. Follow us live on Wednesday 16 June and get an insight on how our leaders prepare the European Council

Twitter: live feeds at <http://twitter.com/epptweet>

Flickr: live photostream at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/eppofficial>

- There will be a **family photo of EPP leaders** at the start of the meeting

- **A bus will be available for the press.** Departure from the European Parliament, Rue Wiertz, 60 near the intersection at Rue Belliard at 17:15h. Journalists may also use their own transportation means

- For security reasons, please ensure that you bring a **valid form of identification**: journalists and cameramen will be given access to the venue upon presentation of their accreditation badge, issued by the European Council, or their national press ID card. Journalists without one of these documents must contact the EPP Press Officer, **Javier Jiménez**, (E-mail: [jjimenez@epp.eu](mailto:jjimenez@epp.eu) Tel: +32 475 480 446)

### Note to editors:

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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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