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## Slovakia: President Wilfried Martens congratulates new EPP PM Iveta Radičová and her centre-right government

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The President of the European People's Party (EPP), **Wilfried Martens**, congratulated this morning the newly-appointed Slovak Prime Minister **Iveta Radičová** and her centre-right government, following the recent victory of EPP and like-minded parties at the 12 June parliamentary elections. The new centre-right government follows the 4-year Coalition Agreement that was signed between the SDKU-DS (EPP), the KDH (EPP), the SaS, and MOST-HID. SDKU-DS leader **Mikuláš Dzurinda** is the new Minister of Foreign Affairs and KDH leader **Ján Figel'** is the new Minister of Transport.

"I warmly congratulate Prime Minister Iveta Radičová and her new EPP-led government, which includes many high-profile and experienced EPP personalities. I am convinced that the Radičová government will offer effective and credible policies, which will steer away from Fico's populist/socialist policy debacles," the EPP President underlined.

"Iveta Radičová has the political skills, the European commitment, and the dynamism to make this centre-right coalition government a great success. I look forward to receiving her at the next EPP Summit of heads of state and government, and also receiving her Ministers at the upcoming EPP Ministerial meetings," Martens added.

### Note to editors:

The EPP is the largest and most influential European-level political party of the centre-right, which currently includes 73 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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