

EPP PRESIDENT VISITS DUBLIN - SUPPORTS ENDA KENNY AND FINE GAEL CAMPAIGN FOR LISBON TREATY



On a visit to Dublin, Ireland, on the 22nd and 23rd of September, the President of the European People's Party (EPP), Wilfried Martens, expressed his strong support to Fine Gael leader Enda Kenny who is campaigning in favor of the Lisbon Treaty. Ireland will be holding a referendum on the ratification of the Lisbon Treaty on the 2nd of October. Fine Gael is a member-party of the EPP and Enda Kenny is an EPP Vice President. Martens and Kenny held a press conference yesterday in the headquarters of Fine Gael where they underlined the importance of ratifying the Lisbon Treaty.

"I am particularly happy that Enda Kenny and Fine Gael have taken the lead in this campaign and explaining to Irish people the significance of the decision of October 2nd. The Irish will be voting on the future of their country and I am convinced that it will be a European future since Ireland has in the past four decades experienced the importance and the value of being part of a strong European family. Let us not forget that the Lisbon Treaty will also reinforce the principle of subsidiary, and will safeguard and improve the national competences of Ireland and the member-states," the EPP President stated.

The statement of Wilfried Martens from the Dublin press conference can be found on the Fine Gael web-tv site here:

<http://www.finegael.org/media/c/96/article>

On Tuesday, President Martens also presented at the National Museum of Ireland his latest book "Europe: I Struggle, I Overcome," which was attended by a large number of parliamentarians, journalists, and academics. The keynote speaker of the event was Fine Gael Leader Enda Kenny.

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