

EPP Resolution on the Situation in Slovenia



1. Slovenia is in a difficult economic situation and needs a broad support in the Slovenian population to tackle the consequences of the financial crisis and to pursue the economic and other necessary reforms to overcome the crisis and conclude the transition. In May 2013, the European Commission stressed that the state of the Slovenian judicial system is unsatisfactory. It imposed a series of corrective measures to the Slovenian government.
2. Expresses its concerns regarding the condemnation of the President of the Slovenian Democratic Party (SDS), Janez Janša in first instance. Takes note of Janez Janša's appeal to second instance which will hopefully take place within prescribed term of 3 months. Reminds that the guarantee of a fair trial and presumption of innocence as fundamental rights. Expects that the on-going procedure will not lead to the exclusion of Janez Janša from political competition.
3. Invites independent organisations, such as the Council of Europe and the OSCE, to follow closely the compatibility of the on-going procedure with the rule of law and international standards.
4. The EPP fully supports its member party, Slovenian Democratic Party (SDS), which is a major player in Slovenian politics, as well as New Slovenia - Christian Democrats (N.Si) and Slovenian People's Party (SLS).
5. The EPP underlines the need of an impartial and independent judiciary in all Member States. In this context calls for the swift adoption of rigid lustration laws in all Member States which have not yet done so, as well as their thorough implementation, and for a transparent and public scrutiny of this process.
6. Calls on the Commission to ensure that public procurement procedures in all Member States are following the requirements laid down in EU law, thus ensuring transparency and efficiency.

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