



FOR A STRONG EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Following its victory in the European elections, the EPP Group wants a strong European Commission and policies that work for Europe and its citizens.

With a view to the preparation of the next hearings in the EP of the candidate Commissioners, the EPP Group considers that the Commissioners should support:

- **A Europe that upholds its values**, strong values such as human dignity, tolerance, freedom and peace. A more responsible society based on the family and the community and respectful of the environment. In this context, the Commissioners should focus on a Europe based on the individual and on the value of its work. The Commission should defend a strengthened solidarity between citizens, generations and the Member States. In this period of uncertainty, the Commission should consider that Europe should defend the free market economy with respect for subsidiarity.
- **A more secure Europe** which takes its place at the forefront of the fight against terrorism and organised crime; a Europe which protects against illegal immigration secures external borders and works for the complete integration of legal immigrants.
- **A Europe of research and innovation** which gives top priority to the creation of jobs, particularly for the younger generations but as well for seniors; a Europe for which creation of employment and growth is the best social policy; a Europe aware of the importance of SMEs and of innovative companies; a Europe committed to defending a vibrant rural economy and a Europe which fights for a policy of regional solidarity.
- **A Europe founded on sustainable growth** based on reforms faithful to the principles of a **social market economy, which are freedom, solidarity and responsibility**. The Commissioners should be committed to defending a social market economy, the genuinely European economic model, where the internal market is the key to maintaining a strong competitive and environmental industrial base without which there will be no jobs or growth. The Commission should focus on the future of its industry, creating an environment favorable to businesses through the protection of the environment and a new strategy for energy policy, and for the well-being of citizens.
- **A stronger Europe** with a clear international ambition and a firm commitment and which maintains a strong transatlantic partnership in a united and strong West. A stronger Europe committed to its consolidation. A stronger Europe which provides the means for its ambitions and which is committed to developing its own resources.
- The candidate Commissioners must under no circumstances have been associated with oppressive regimes and must not have participated in non-democratic governments or political movements, or governments or movements that have been tainted by corruption.