

Subject **Follow up to today's item on EPP Group Meeting agenda on elections in Romania**

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Dear Colleague,

Considering that there was no possibility for me to take the floor during the Group meeting of this morning on the item concerning the Romanian presidential elections, I would like to share with you the following, in order to provide **authentic information** on the issue:

- The Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania (UDMR), member of the European People's Party, is currently member of the **post-communist government** led by **Victor Ponta**, the current presidential candidate. This goes counter to our common EPP values and is therefore completely abnormal. In 2012 this same government brought down the EPP government at the time with a motion of anti-Hungarian character. UDMR, in principle claiming to represent the Hungarian community of Romania, was also part of that coalition government.
- Disregarding genuine Hungarian interests and the opinion of the absolute majority of Hungarians of Transylvania, the UDMR is not willing to support **Klaus Johannis**, the other presidential candidate standing on behalf of **ACL** (Alianta Crestin Liberala/Christian-Liberal Alliance) member of the EPP.
- As President of the Hungarian National Council of Transylvania I also urged the leadership of **UDMR** to reassess their position so far, and – united with the other Hungarian political and civil organisations and the majority democratic Romanian forces – to stand behind the Christian-democrat candidate on the right in an unequivocal way. This is the indispensable requirement of the process of **democratic regime change** that started twenty-five years ago, with the 1989 revolution in Romania.

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