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|  | Chris off | At the European Parliament in Strasbourg, EPP Group Chairman Manfred Weber welcomes the nominee for European Commission president, German Defence Minister Ursula von der Leyen, a member of the EPP family. As Parliament’s strongest political force, the EPP Group pledges to work closely with the Commission during the next five-year term. |  |
| Interview | Manfred Weber, EPP Group Chairman on | *1:12*  *The European People's Party was always reliable and a responsible group. So we always took our responsibility when it was needed for the future of Europe, and we will do the same now.* |  |
| Interview | Chris off | While Weber had been the Group’s candidate for the Commission presidency, he remains the group’s chairman, as Parliament and the other EU governing bodies reconfigure after the May election. |  |
| Interview | Weber on | *4:50*  *I'm proud to be a group leader in this house, and I still will fight, continue my work and still fight for a democratic Europe which is in the hands of the citizens of this continent.* |  |
|  | Chris off | In electing its new leadership, Parliament chose five EPP Group members as vice presidents. Re-elected are Mairead McGuinness, the top vote-getter, Rainer Wieland and Lívia Járóka. Newly elected are former Polish Prime Minister Ewa Kopac and Othmar Karas of Austria. |  |
| Interview | Mairead McGuinness, Irish MEP | *:15*  *I’m very honoured to have gotten a very massive vote, as first vice-president of the European Parliament, and I intend to use my influence and my responsibility to deliver for the people I represent. So let us get on with the work that we have to do, as elected politicians, and to thank my colleagues who did put their trust in me.* |  |
| Interview | Rainer Wieland, German MEP | *There are a lot of challenges, but along the lines of my previous issues, it is very important to courageously go ahead with building policy. We have buildings that are no longer sufficient from an environmental point of view, from a security point of view and from modern aspects are no longer sufficient. And I also believe that we must be better able to get the MEPs to communicate with the citizens, to ask and respond to citizens.* | *Es gibt eine Menge Herausforderungen, aber entlang meinen bisherigen Dossiers, wird auf jedenfall sagen, das is sehr wichtiges mit der Gebaeudepolitik mutig voranzugehen Wir haben Gebaeude die unter Umweltgesichtspunkten nicht mehr genuegend sind, die unter Sicherheitsgesichtspunkten und moderne Tagungsgesichtspunkten nicht mehr genuegend sind und ich glaube auch, dass wir die Abgeordneter noch besser in Stand setzen mit dem Buerger zu kommunizieren, auf Buerger anfragen und zu antworten.* |
| Interview | Lívia Járóka, Hungarian MEP | *1:56*  *In Europe I would like to lower the poverty level. We have 120 million people waiting for an action plan. And these good practices should be used in Africa and Asia for a better and more equal world. 2:12* |  |
|  | Othmar Karas, Austrian MEP | We are a crossroads, because of populism, because of authoritarianism, because of the shady backroom dealing in the Council. Therefore we must now take care that there is no decision in Europe without the European Parliament on board. And that the European Parliament, as the chamber of the citizens, try harder to strengthen the trust of the citizens. | *Wir stehen vor der Wegkabelung, durch den Populismus, durch den Autoritarismus, durch die Hinterzimmermauschelei im Rat. Daher geht es jetzt mal darum, dass es keine Entscheidung in Europa gibt, ohne das Europaeisches Parlament. Dass sich das Europaeisches Parlament als Buergerkammer und das Vertrauen der Buergerinnen und Buerger verstaerkt bemueht.* |
| GFX:  -Energy  -Trade  -Farms  -SMEs  -Jobs  -Security |  | Also among the priorities for the EPP Group: affordable energy and the fight against climate change, trade deals that are fair for Europeans, helping both farms and small businesses to thrive, more investment for jobs, maintaining secure borders, and fighting terrorism. |  |
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| Headline |  | **European Parliament elects five EPP Group VPs** |  |
| Description |  | As the European Parliament elected its leadership for the new five-year term, five EPP Group MEPs were chosen as Parliament vice presidents. They include incumbents Mairead McGuinness, the top vote-getter and first vice president, Rainer Wieland and Lívia Járóka, as well as Ewa Kopacz and Othmar Karas. |  |
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