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SME UNION President Leitl supports Sarkozy plan for Eurozone government

“I do very much support EU Council President Sarkozy’s demand for a Eurozone economic government. This new forum is utterly urgent especially when bearing in mind the current financial turmoil and the Irish no-vote to the reform treaty”, said SME UNION President Christoph Leitl after the suggestions of French President Nicolas Sarkozy given today in his speech at the European Parliament plenary session in Strasbourg.

Furthermore, Leitl added that “a sort of ‘economic government’ could be the first step towards a deepening of a core group of European countries. A stronger Europe also means stronger small and medium-sized enterprises.” The head of the SME UNION continued by stating that “calls are increasing for a core Europe in which countries can cooperate without being blocked by others. Therefore it is high time, that those countries which are interested in a real consolidation and further integration of the EU get real and set concrete actions.”

Even further, the SME UNION President summarized “At this very moment every Member State has to decide for itself if it wants more or less Europe in the future. Nevertheless, despite of two different speeds, the EU must not become an exclusive club for a few countries. The possibility needs to be given that latecomers join the integrated core group in the future as soon as they want and are ready. Europe has proven its ability to prosper in diversity. In order to stay strong, Europe must show its will to act.”

Finally Leitl urged the heads of state and government, the European Parliament and the Commission to take this key impulse of the French EU Council Presidency into account and to act now. “Europe needs swift solutions for its problems!”

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