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SME UNION looks forward to 5 more years with newly re-elected EPP Group President Joseph Daul and team in common fight for SMEs: SME UNION board members Wortmann-Kool and Karas elected into EPP Group Presidency

„I thoroughly congratulate Joseph Daul MEP for his re-election to the Chairmanship of the EPP (European People's Party) Group in the European Parliament. French UMP MEP Joseph Daul has shown with his efforts and work in the past years that he is truly caring about the problems and demands of European's small and medium-sized enterprises. We are looking forward to 5 more years of a fruitful cooperation”, said SME UNION President Christoph Leitl after the EPP Group elections.

He also congratulated MEP Othmar Karas (SME Intergroup President) and Corien Wortmann-Kool (SME Women President) who have been elected as Vice-Presidents. “Both are also members of the SME UNION Presidency and will therefore guarantee that SMEs continue to have a strong voice in the EPP!”

Joseph Daul, MEP has chaired the EPP Group since January 2007. After having been elected into the European Parliament 1999, he naturally joined the EPP-ED Group since it represented his most deeply held European convictions and the values which had always guided his political work. “By heading the 'Lisbon Strategy' Group, Joseph Daul took a major part of the groundwork for the work of the European Parliament and of the national parliaments to promote employment and innovation, an issue which has become a major political priority for the SME UNION”, concluded SME UNION President Leitl.

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