

EPP CALLS FOR A EUROPEAN COMMON POLICY ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION



The Leaders of the European People's Party ([click here for family photo](#)) called today for a common framework concerning illegal immigration in the European Union (EU).

Nine EU Prime Ministers - Angela Merkel (Germany), Kostas Karamanlis (Greece), Wolfgang Schüssel (Austria), Jean-Claude Juncker (Luxembourg), Fredrik Reinfeldt (Sweden), Mirek Topolánek (Czech Republic), Lawrence Gonzi (Malta), Janez Jansa (Slovenia), Aigiars Kalvītis (Latvia) - and José Manuel Barroso, European Commission President, supported the adoption of the resolution on immigration.

The EPP resolution states that "plans for regularization of illegal immigrants must be previously discussed as they massively affect also other Member States".

The EPP, the largest European transnational party, also called "for solidarity and cooperation among the Member States especially by reinforcing the capacities of FRONTEX and by a coordination of sea border controls", and supported "the creation of a uniform and automated system of border monitoring in the EU by using the means of biometrical technology in visa procedures and identity documents".

The EPP resolution also calls for "the signing of joint agreements between the EU Member States and the countries of origin, which should facilitate the readmission of illegal immigrants".

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