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Martin SCHULZ, EP President meets with Rosen PLEVNELIEV, President of Bulgaria: - arrival and roundtable - extracts from the press point

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EP President Martin SCHULZ met today with Rosen PLEVNELIEV, President of Bulgaria. This visit comes after the resignation of the Prime Minister of the country, Boiko Borisov, the last 20th of February. The Prime Minister left his charge because of the several revolts in the country caused by the high price of electricity. Rosen PLEVNELIEV, President of Bulgaria since January 2012 wants to confirm that he will do his job in the interest of the people and that the ideas of the citizens can only be realized through institutions. He, who, as the Constitution of his country states, is not member of any political party, is conscientious of the, not only political, but also social crisis that his country is suffering. Because of that, he calls on the citizens to turn to a constructive dialogue. After the all three of Bulgaria's largest parties have declined to serve in government, a caretaker government will be formed, the soonest, the next 13th of March.



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TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
00:00:00	Title	00:00:05
00:00:05	Exterior shot of the EP, Brussels	00:00:05
00:00:10	Arrival: Martin SCHULZ, EP President greets Rosen PLEVNELIEV, President of Bulgaria.	00:00:15
00:00:25	Shake hands	00:00:02
00:00:27	Arrival at the EP President premises. Signature of the Guest's Book.	00:00:33
00:01:00	Round table meeting.	00:00:14
00:01:14	SOUNDBITE (Bulgarian) Rosen PLEVNELIEV, President of Bulgaria: "(after the care-taker government period)What is important is what the next government will do. The 42nd National Assembly should do all it takes to build up not a care-taker government but a legitimate and strong government backed by the Bulgarian people. As you know there are a number of particularly important outstanding reforms that require broad consensus, including political consensus. In the health care sector, in the energy sector... just to name a few. Therefore the next government will have to be a strong and reliable one. It	00:01:00

	government will have to be a strong and reliable one. It will have to enjoy broad support and it will have to be willing to take tough decisions".	
00:02:14	SOUNDBITE (English) Martin SCHULZ, EP President: "One thing is clear, the best government is a government with a broad support of the citizens and therefore one thing which is for sure desirable and necessary and I hope that it will be the outcome of the elections, is the capacity to build up a government based on a broad majority in the Parliament, as a result of a broad mandate of the citizens".	00:00:33
00:02:47	SOUNDBITE (English) Martin SCHULZ, EP President: "Whatever will be the outcome of the elections the EU has to respect and will respect, also from the EP, the result of the vote".	00:00:08
00:02:55	SOUNDBITE (English) Martin SCHULZ, EP President: "I insist, and this is the position of the EP, that the institutions who have the duty to verify and to check the fulfilment of the criteria, this is the Schengen Council and the Commission should give us clear recommendations, and only based on these recommendations the Schengen Council should decide".	00:00:21
00:03:16	END	00:00:00