

December 10th, 2013, Bucharest

Dear Chairman of the European People's Party,

Dear Vice-Presidents of the European People's Party,

Dear Secretary-General of the European People's Party,

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing this letter to express some concerns related to the political future of the center-right parties in Romania. Equally, I intend to kindly ask for the support of the European People's Party Presidency to work with all of us so as to find the best solution to our difficulties.

As we speak, the center – right parties and organizations in Romania have separate strategies and political agendas in seeking the vote of a common electoral base in the upcoming European elections. This ineffective internal competition among sister parties continues to make us appear as feeble opponents to our real adversaries, the Social-Democrats and the anti-European Liberal Party. I am aware that those of you who are familiar with the party life in my country share similar concerns.

Although we may have our differences at home, we are all united by the same values that the EPP represents. As a former Prime-Minister of an EPP Government and chairperson of a new center-right party, Forța Civică, I have preached for unity of message and action for the past year. During constant meetings that I have had with the leaders of the EPP, I received confirmation that advocating unity is indeed the most recommended strategy to ensure political success. At home, such attempts have remained mostly unanswered.

A solution to this current state of affairs could be a meeting of all parties who intend to assume the EPP agenda and program for the European elections, held under the EPP umbrella in Bucharest at the beginning of 2014. This meeting would not only be welcomed in preparation for the electoral battles to come, but it could equally help arbitrating this unproductive situation the center-right is experiencing in Romania.

I have taken the liberty to send this letter simultaneously to all members of the EPP Presidency as well as to the leaders of center-right forces in Romania, EPP member parties or EPP supporters. I will equally inform the president of Romania, Mr. Traian Băsescu, of this endeavor, considering his status of long-standing leader of the EPP family. I will publically promote this renewed appeal to unity as well, as an additional message of coherence towards our voters.

I look forward to your reply and hope this will be the beginning of a combined effort aimed at establishing a joint working agenda that will ensure a healthy, productive and transparent collaboration between us all. I count on the maturity and vision of more experienced members to understand that such a meeting is necessary to ensure that the EPP remains strong and influential in the European Parliament.

Best regards,

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