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overcoming the economic crisis in Europe. Lessons for the global economy.

Since the start of the global financial crisis in 2008, centre-right EPP governments in Europe took the necessary decisions to overcome the crisis. Our Member Parties inherited the most difficult economic situations from former leftist governments and are taking European countries one by one out of the crisis. Positive results start to be seen: economic growth is returning to Europe, investors are trusting the European economy again, the Euro is stable. This shows that right measures pay off and can serve as a model for other economic areas of the world. Centre-right EPP parties are the parties of growth in Europe. Our member parties make sure that the people of Europe can never again be hit in such way by an economic crisis. We have overcome the difficult times together and now we have to keep course, so that people can reap the benefits of their efforts. We need to keep our economies on the good track on which we put them. No populist experiments shall be made now, and the stability reached through the sacrifices of many people shall not be jeopardized by irresponsible policies.

The CDI:

--Considers highly all efforts made by European governments and European institutions to overcome this economic crisis. Measures taken will make these economies stronger and more competitive; only this can secure the high standard of living in Europe.

--Believes in SMEs and family businesses and want to help them develop their activity. We will support innovative and creative SMEs to bring their products to the global markets. These are essential for creating high-quality jobs.

--Believes in young entrepreneurs. We want to make it easier for young people to start a company. We want young people to look again with confidence to their future. We are committed to creating the right framework for start-ups and young entrepreneurs. We will

promote exchange programs, better financing and simpler rules for the creation of new companies.

--Believes education systems have to be modernised, so that they respond to the needs of the labour markets. Young people need to acquire those skills which are needed to be successful on the labour markets. We will particularly focus on entrepreneurial education, to equip young people with skills needed to successfully start a company.

-- Encourages the increase of public and private investments on research and development as a way to relaunch economy.

--Will fight for reduced bureaucracy and cutting red tape in the interest of people and businesses. Rules shall respond to the realities of today and tomorrow, and not those of the past. We want simpler, rules so that companies and individuals can interact with each other, develop, but, at the same time, be protected from abuses.

--Will continue to promote competitiveness as the key element for companies and countries to be successful on the global markets. Our economies can only grow, if we are competitive and if there is global demand for our products. Investors will only invest and create jobs in an economy which is competitive and which they can trust. Investment is essential to generating growth and creating jobs.

--Will continue to work for a strong industrial base in our countries. Industries are an essential source of jobs and taxes to the public budgets. We will invest in future-oriented, competitive industrial development, which goes hand in hand with the development of the services sector. A strong and productive industry creates more good jobs for people.

--Wants a banking sector which is solid and stable. To us, banks are an essential part of a successful economy. We want banks to serve the people and the companies – they should enable businesses and individuals to develop and exploit their potential.