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EUROPE Gateway invites all its readers from Bulgaria and Europe to participate in an online discussion with German MEP Hans-Gert Pöttering (EPP), former president of the European Parliament. The topic of the discussion is "*The Position of Germany in the European Union after the National Parliamentary Elections*".

The online discussion is planned for **September 30, Wednesday, starting at 4.30 p.m. EET (3.30 p.m. CET)**. The chat will last 30 minutes, and the working language of the discussion is English.

The readers will have the chance to comment with Mr. Pöttering all questions related to the parliamentary elections for Bundestag in Germany. As EUROPE Gateway reported, Chancellor Merkel's Christian Democratic Union, of which Pöttering is a member, won the elections with 33,8 percent of the votes. It is expected that the conservatives will form a coalition with the liberals from the Free Democratic Party instead with their partner so far - the social democrats.

Highlights in the discussion will be the German MEP would be issues like the way the changes in the governing coalition in Germany would affect the position of the country in the EU, the requirements of the conservatives in EP for the new European Commission, as well as the coming second referendum on the Lisbon Treaty in Ireland.

The discussions will take place on the <http://chat.europe.bg> platform. EUROPE Gateway readers can take part by asking questions, presenting opinions and comments, including ones sent on info@europe.bg.

More about our online guest:

Hans-Gert Pöttering (Germany) is a Member of European Parliament from European People's Party since the first direct elections for EP in 1979. He is representative of the governing Christian Democrats in Germany.

Mr. Pöttering is a former president of the European Parliament. In his new term he is a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and of the Delegation for relations with the Arab Peninsula. He is substitute member in the Committee on Constitutional Affairs, the Delegation for relations with the United States and the Delegation to the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly.

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