

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-001985/19**  
**to the Commission**  
**Rory Palmer (S&D)**  
(18 April 2019)

*Subject:* Commission view on unified voting age for European Parliament elections

Does the Commission have a view on whether there should be a unified age for voting and candidacies in European Parliament elections?

**Answer given by Ms Jourová on behalf of the European Commission**  
(5 July 2019)

Free elections are a basic expression of democracy, and elections in the European Union must follow the highest democratic standards. The Commission considers it a priority to encourage the participation of EU citizens in the Union's democratic life and to support inclusive participation of European citizens. The Commission stresses that the voting age is governed by Member States' law.

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