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on a proposal for amendment of the Act of 20 September 1976 concerning the election of the Members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage
(2015/2035(INL))

Amendment 12
Helmut Scholz, Barbara Spinelli, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution
Citation 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*– having regard to the Treaty on the
Functioning of the European Union, and
in particular Article 223 thereof,*

Or. en

Amendment 13
Gerolf Annemans

Motion for a resolution
Citation 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*– having regard to its resolution of 22
November 2012 on the elections to the
European Parliament in 2014²,*

deleted

² *Texts adopted, P7_TA(2012)0462.*

Or. nl

Amendment 14
Gerolf Annemans

Motion for a resolution
Citation 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*– having regard to its resolution of 13
March 2013 on the composition of the
European Parliament with a view to the
2014³ elections,*

deleted

³ *Texts adopted, P7_TA(2013)0082.*

Or. nl

Amendment 15
Gerolf Annemans

Motion for a resolution
Citation 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to its resolution of 4 July 2013 on improving the practical arrangements for the holding of the European elections in 2014⁴,

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⁴ *Texts adopted, P7_TA(2013)0323.*

Or. nl

Amendment 16
Sylvie Goulard, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz

Motion for a resolution
Citation 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to its previous resolutions on Parliament’s electoral procedure, and in particular its resolution of 15 July 1998 on a draft electoral procedure incorporating common principles for the election of Members of the European Parliament^a

^{1a} *OJ C 292, 21.9.1998, p. 66.*

Or. en

Amendment 17
Andrej Plenković

Motion for a resolution
Citation 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to Article 14 of the Treaty on European Union,

Or. en

Amendment 18
Sylvie Goulard, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz

Motion for a resolution
Citation 4 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to the report of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs of 28 April 2011 on a proposal for a modification of the Act concerning the election of the Members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage of 20 September 1976 (A7-0176/2011),

Or. en

Amendment 19
Gerolf Annemans

Motion for a resolution
Citation 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to the Commission communication of 8 May 2015 entitled ‘Report on the 2014 European Parliament elections’⁶,

deleted

Amendment 20
Jo Leinen

Motion for a resolution
Citation 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 of the European Parliament and the Council of 22 October 2014 on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations^{1a}, and in particular Articles 13, 21 and 31 thereof,

^{1a} OJ L 317, 4.11.2014, p. 1.

Or. en

Amendment 21
Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Citation 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union,

– having regard to the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, *and in particular Articles 11, 23 and 39 thereof,*

Or. en

Amendment 22
Helmut Scholz, Barbara Spinelli

Motion for a resolution
Citation 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to the 2011 and 2014 judgments of the German Federal Constitutional Court, declaring thresholds established by the German European Elections Act to be incompatible with Article 3, paragraph (1) and Article 21, paragraph (1) of the German Basic Law and therefore invalid,

Or. en

Amendment 23
Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Enrique Guerrero Salom

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A. whereas Parliament *has* the right to initiate the reform of its own electoral procedure, and to give its consent thereto;

A. whereas *Article 223 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union gives* Parliament the right to initiate the reform of its own electoral procedure, *with the aim of drawing up a uniform procedure which applies throughout the EU or a procedure that is based on principles common to all the Member States*, and to give its consent thereto;

Or. es

Amendment 24
Gerolf Annemans

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B. whereas the reform of Parliament's

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electoral procedure should aim at enhancing the democratic dimension of the European elections, reinforce the concept of citizenship of the Union, improve the functioning of the European Parliament and the governance of the Union, make the work of the European Parliament more legitimate and efficient, enhance the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, and provide for greater electoral equality for citizens of the Union;

Or. nl

Amendment 25

Arne Gericke, Ulrike Müller

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas the reform of Parliament's electoral procedure should aim at enhancing the democratic dimension of the European elections, reinforce the concept of citizenship of the Union, improve the functioning of the European Parliament and the governance of the Union, make the work of the European Parliament more legitimate *and efficient*, enhance the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, *and provide for greater electoral equality for citizens of the Union;*

Amendment

B. whereas the reform of Parliament's electoral procedure should aim at enhancing the democratic dimension of the European elections, reinforce the concept of citizenship of the Union, improve the functioning of the European Parliament and the governance of the Union, make the work of the European Parliament more legitimate, *strengthen the principles of electoral equality and equal opportunities* *and* enhance the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections;

Or. de

Amendment 26

Morten Messerschmidt, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas the reform of Parliament's electoral procedure should aim at enhancing the democratic dimension of the European elections, ***reinforce the concept of citizenship of the Union***, improve the functioning of the European Parliament and the governance of the Union, make the work of the European Parliament more legitimate and efficient, enhance the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, and provide for greater electoral equality for citizens of the Union;

Amendment

B. whereas the reform of Parliament's electoral procedure should aim at enhancing the democratic dimension of the European elections, improve the functioning of the European Parliament and the governance of the Union, make the work of the European Parliament more legitimate and efficient, enhance the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, and provide for greater electoral equality for citizens of the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 27

Morten Messerschmidt, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas the reform of Parliament's electoral procedure should aim at enhancing the democratic dimension of the European elections, reinforce the concept of citizenship of the Union, improve the functioning of the European Parliament and the governance of the Union, make the work of the European Parliament more legitimate and efficient, enhance the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, and provide for greater electoral equality for citizens of the Union;

Amendment

B. whereas the reform of Parliament's electoral procedure should aim at enhancing the democratic dimension of the European elections, reinforce the concept of citizenship of the Union ***in a way that does not contradict the obvious primacy of national consciousness and citizenship***, improve the functioning of the European Parliament and the governance of the Union, make the work of the European Parliament more legitimate and efficient, enhance the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, and provide for greater electoral equality for citizens of the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas the reform of Parliament's electoral procedure should aim at enhancing the democratic dimension of the European elections, reinforce the concept of citizenship of the Union, improve the functioning of the European Parliament and the governance of the Union, make the work of the European Parliament more legitimate and efficient, enhance the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, and provide for greater electoral equality for citizens of the Union;

Amendment

B. whereas the reform of Parliament's electoral procedure should aim at enhancing the democratic dimension of the European elections **and the democratic legitimacy of the EU decision-making process**, reinforce the concept of citizenship of the Union, improve the functioning of the European Parliament and the governance of the Union, make the work of the European Parliament more legitimate and efficient, enhance the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, and provide for greater electoral equality for citizens of the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Enrique Guerrero Salom

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas the reform of Parliament's electoral procedure should aim at enhancing the democratic dimension of the European elections, reinforce the concept of citizenship of the Union, improve the functioning of the European Parliament and the governance of the Union, make the work of the European Parliament more legitimate and efficient, enhance the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, **and** provide for greater electoral equality for citizens of the Union;

Amendment

B. whereas the reform of Parliament's electoral procedure should aim at enhancing the democratic dimension of the European elections, reinforce the concept of citizenship of the Union, improve the functioning of the European Parliament and the governance of the Union, make the work of the European Parliament more legitimate and efficient, enhance the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, provide for greater electoral equality for citizens of the Union, **and bring MEPs closer to their voters, in particular the youngest amongst them;**

Amendment 30**Sylvie Goulard, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz****Motion for a resolution****Recital B***Motion for a resolution*

B. whereas the reform of Parliament's electoral procedure should aim at enhancing the democratic dimension of the European elections, reinforce the concept of citizenship of the Union, improve the functioning of the European Parliament and the governance of the Union, make the work of the European Parliament more legitimate and efficient, enhance the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, and provide for greater electoral equality for citizens of the Union;

Amendment

B. whereas the reform of Parliament's electoral procedure should aim at enhancing the democratic *and supranational* dimension of the European elections, reinforce the concept of citizenship of the Union, improve the functioning of the European Parliament and the governance of the Union, make the work of the European Parliament more legitimate and efficient, enhance the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, and provide for greater electoral equality for citizens of the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 31**Mercedes Bresso****Motion for a resolution****Recital B***Motion for a resolution*

B. whereas the reform of Parliament's electoral procedure should aim at enhancing the democratic dimension of the European elections, reinforce the concept of citizenship of the Union, improve the functioning of the European Parliament and the governance of the Union, make the work of the European Parliament more legitimate and efficient, enhance the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, and provide for greater

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B. whereas the reform of Parliament's electoral procedure should aim at enhancing the democratic dimension of the European elections, reinforce the concept of citizenship of the Union, improve the functioning of the European Parliament and the governance of the Union, make the work of the European Parliament more legitimate and efficient, enhance the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, and provide for greater

electoral equality for citizens of the Union;

electoral equality *and participation* for
citizens of the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 32

Arne Gericke, Ulrike Müller

Motion for a resolution

Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. whereas the principle of electoral equality strengthens equality among Union citizens in general, which is fundamental to democracy, whereas this is one of the cornerstones of the European system, and whereas there is a direct connection between electoral equality among Union citizens and equal opportunities for all democratic parties;

Or. de

Amendment 33

Gerolf Annemans

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D. whereas the possibility of developing a uniform electoral procedure based on direct universal suffrage has been enshrined in the Treaties since 1957;

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Or. nl

Amendment 34

Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Enrique Guerrero Salom

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas the steadily decreasing turnout in European elections, in particular among the youngest voters, and voters' lack of interest in European issues is posing a threat to the future of Europe and whereas there is therefore a need for ideas that will help to revive European democracy;

Or. es

Amendment 35
Barbara Spinelli, Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas a genuine harmonisation of the procedure for elections to the European Parliament in all the Member States could better promote the right of all European citizens to participate, on an equal basis, in the democratic life of the Union, while strengthening the political dimension of European integration;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Gerolf Annemans

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E. whereas Parliament's competencies have been gradually increasing since the

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first direct elections in 1979 and are now such that Parliament has equal status as co-legislator with the Council in most of the Union's policy areas, most notably as a result of the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon;

Or. nl

Amendment 37
Gerolf Annemans

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

F. whereas the Lisbon Treaty changed the mandate of Members of the European Parliament, making them⁹ direct representatives of the Union's citizens instead of 'representatives of the peoples of the States brought together in the Community'¹⁰; *deleted*

⁹ Articles 10(2) and 14(2) TEU.

¹⁰ Article 189(1) of the Treaty establishing the European Community.

Or. nl

Amendment 38
Morten Messerschmidt, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski

Motion for a resolution
Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. whereas, despite of the wording of Article 14(2) of the Treaty on European Union, 'the European Parliament is not a representative body of a sovereign European people', as clearly recalled by

the German Constitutional Court in paragraph 280 of its judgment of 30 June 2009, in which it stressed that ‘this is reflected in the fact that it is designed as a representation of peoples in the respective national contingents of Members, not as a representation of Union citizens in unity without differentiation, according to the principle of electoral equality’;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Gerolf Annemans

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas the only reform of the Electoral Act itself took place in 2002 through Council Decision 2002/772/EC, Euratom¹¹, *which requires the Member States to conduct the elections on the basis of proportional representation using a list system or a single transferable vote system and which abolished the dual mandate for Members of the European Parliament;*

¹¹ OJ L 283, 21.10.2002, p. 1.

Amendment

G. whereas the only reform of the Electoral Act itself took place in 2002 through Council Decision 2002/772/EC, Euratom¹¹;

¹¹ OJ L 283, 21.10.02, p. 1.

Or. nl

Amendment 40
Helmut Scholz, Barbara Spinelli

Motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Ga. whereas it is politically and legally recognised that the establishment of

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electoral thresholds constitutes a serious interference with the principles of equal suffrage and equal opportunities for political parties; whereas, since those principles are fundamental prerequisites for guaranteeing political competition and the openness of the political process, and form part of the democratic legal interest of the EU, any modification of them must be subject to strict standards;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Helmut Scholz, Barbara Spinelli

Motion for a resolution
Recital G b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Gb. whereas Parliament has neither analysed and politically discussed, nor taken preventive measures on its own responsibility with regard to, the assumed restriction of its operability resulting from an increase in the number of its political groups and an alleged decreasing ability to integrate within the groups so-called Members ‘unwilling to cooperate’;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Gerolf Annemans

Motion for a resolution
Recital H

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

H. whereas a comprehensive agreement on a truly uniform electoral procedure has not yet been achieved, though some convergence of electoral systems has

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gradually taken place, inter alia through secondary legislation, such as Council Directive 93/109/EC on the right to vote and stand as candidate in elections to the Parliament for Union citizens residing in another Member State;

Or. nl

Amendment 43

Morten Messerschmidt, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski

Motion for a resolution

Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas *a comprehensive agreement on a truly uniform electoral procedure has not yet been achieved, though some* convergence of electoral systems has gradually taken place, inter alia through secondary legislation, such as Council Directive 93/109/EC on the right to vote and stand as candidate in elections to the Parliament for Union citizens residing in another Member State;

Amendment

H. whereas convergence of electoral systems has gradually taken place, inter alia through secondary legislation, such as Council Directive 93/109/EC on the right to vote and stand as candidate in elections to the Parliament for Union citizens residing in another Member State;

Or. en

Amendment 44

Gerolf Annemans

Motion for a resolution

Recital I

Motion for a resolution

I. whereas the concept of citizenship of the Union, formally introduced into the constitutional order by the Treaty of Maastricht in 1993, includes the right of Union citizens to participate in European and municipal elections in their Member States, and in their State of residence

Amendment

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under the same conditions as nationals of that State¹²; whereas the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, which now has binding legal force under the terms of the Lisbon Treaty, has reinforced that right;

¹² Article 20(2) TFEU.

Or. nl

Amendment 45
Gerolf Annemans

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

J. whereas despite these reforms, European elections are still governed for the most part by national laws, electoral campaigning remains national, and European political parties cannot sufficiently fulfil their constitutional mandate and “contribute to forming European political awareness and to expressing the will of citizens of the Union” as required by Article 10(4) TEU;

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Or. nl

Amendment 46
Morten Messerschmidt, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

J. whereas despite these reforms, European elections are still governed for the most part by national laws, *electoral campaigning remains national, and*

J. whereas despite these reforms, European elections are still governed for the most part by national laws;

European political parties cannot sufficiently fulfil their constitutional mandate and ‘contribute to forming European political awareness and to expressing the will of citizens of the Union’ as required by Article 10(4) TEU;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Helmut Scholz, Barbara Spinelli

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas despite these reforms, European elections are still governed for the most part by national laws, electoral campaigning remains national, and European political parties cannot sufficiently fulfil their *constitutional* mandate and ‘contribute to forming European political awareness and to expressing the will of citizens of the Union’ as required by Article 10(4) TEU;

Amendment

J. whereas despite these reforms, European elections are still governed for the most part by national laws, electoral campaigning remains national, and European political parties cannot sufficiently fulfil their *institutional* mandate and ‘contribute to forming European political awareness and to expressing the will of citizens of the Union’ as required by Article 10(4) TEU;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Gerolf Annemans

Motion for a resolution
Recital K

Motion for a resolution

K. whereas European political parties are best placed to ‘contribute to forming European political awareness’¹³ and should therefore play a stronger role in the campaigns for Parliament elections, so as to improve their visibility and to show the link between a vote for a

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particular national party and the impact it has on the size of a European political group in the European Parliament;

¹³ Article 10(4) TEU.

Or. nl

Amendment 49

Morten Messerschmidt, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski

Motion for a resolution

Recital K

Motion for a resolution

K. whereas European political parties are **best placed** to ‘contribute to forming European political awareness’¹³ and **should** therefore play a stronger role in the campaigns for Parliament elections, **so as to improve their visibility and to show the link between a vote for a particular national party and the impact it has on the size of a European political group in the European Parliament;**

¹³ Article 10(4) TEU.

Amendment

K. whereas European political parties are **barely recognisable to the electorate and therefore not sufficiently understood** to ‘contribute to forming European political awareness’¹³ and therefore **cannot legitimately** play a stronger role in the campaigns for Parliament elections;

¹³ Article 10(4) TEU.

Or. en

Amendment 50

Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution

Recital K a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Ka. whereas it is extremely difficult in several countries for citizens to know of, and to control, the actions of their representatives in the European

Amendment

Parliament, because those actions cannot be naturally identified with a territory corresponding to a lived human reality, due to the drawing of constituency boundaries; whereas such a lack of identification infringes the rights of citizens, widely feeds abstention from voting in elections and undermines the democratic legitimacy of the Members elected;

Or. en

Amendment 51
Rainer Wieland, David McAllister

Motion for a resolution
Recital K a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ka. whereas the procedure for nominating candidates for elections to the European Parliament varies considerably from Member State to Member State and from party to party, in particular as regards transparency and democratic standards;

Or. de

Amendment 52
Gerolf Annemans

Motion for a resolution
Recital L

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

L. whereas the deadlines for finalising electoral lists ahead of European elections vary greatly among Member States, currently ranging from 17 days to 83 days, which puts candidates and voters across the Union in an unequal position

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when it comes to the time they have to campaign or to reflect on their voting choice;

Or. nl

Amendment 53
Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Recital L a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

La. whereas the deadlines for finalising the electoral roll ahead of European elections vary greatly among Member States and may render the exchange of information between Member States on voters (aimed at the avoidance of double voting) difficult, if not impossible;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Recital L b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Lb. whereas the best way of avoiding any difficulties during the voting operations would, in the long term, be to create a European voting card which would, first of all, allow Union citizens to vote once from wherever they want and, second, reinforce the feeling of being a member of the family of citizens of the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Paulo Rangel

Motion for a resolution
Recital M

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

M. whereas the existing European electoral rules allow for a non-obligatory threshold of up to 5 % of votes cast to be set for European elections, and 15 Member States have availed themselves of this opportunity and have introduced a threshold of between 3 % and 5 %; whereas in smaller Member States, and in Member States that have subdivided their electoral area into constituencies, the de facto threshold nevertheless lies above 3 %, even though no legal thresholds exist;

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Or. en

Amendment 56
Gerolf Annemans

Motion for a resolution
Recital M

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

M. whereas the existing European electoral rules allow for a non-obligatory threshold of up to 5 % of votes cast to be set for European elections, and 15 Member States have availed themselves of this opportunity and have introduced a threshold of between 3 % and 5 %; whereas in smaller Member States, and in Member States that have subdivided their electoral area into constituencies, the de facto threshold nevertheless lies above 3 %, even though no legal thresholds exist;

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Or. nl

Amendment 57

Arne Gericke, Ulrike Müller

Motion for a resolution

Recital M

Motion for a resolution

M. whereas the existing European electoral rules allow for a non-obligatory threshold of up to 5 % of votes cast to be set for European elections, **and 15 Member States have availed themselves of this opportunity and have introduced a threshold of between 3 % and 5 %; whereas in smaller Member States, and in Member States that have subdivided their electoral area into constituencies, the de facto threshold nevertheless lies above 3 %, even though no legal thresholds exist;**

Amendment

M. whereas the existing European electoral rules allow for a non-obligatory threshold of up to 5 % of votes cast to be set for European elections, **whereas EU-wide this effectively leads to more than 10 million votes being wasted, a clear breach of the principle of electoral equality, and whereas already today more than half of all Union citizens can go to the polls in the knowledge that their vote will not be rendered meaningless by the application of a national threshold;**

Or. de

Amendment 58

Viviane Reding

Motion for a resolution

Recital M

Motion for a resolution

M. whereas the existing European electoral rules allow for a non-obligatory threshold of up to 5 % of votes cast to be set for European elections, and 15 Member States have availed themselves of this opportunity and have introduced a threshold of between 3 % and 5 %; whereas in smaller Member States, and in Member States that have subdivided their electoral area into constituencies, the de facto threshold nevertheless lies above 3 %, even though no legal thresholds exist;

Amendment

M. whereas the existing European electoral rules allow for a non-obligatory threshold of up to 5 % of votes cast to be set for European elections, and 15 Member States have availed themselves of this opportunity and have introduced a threshold of between 3 % and 5 %; whereas in smaller Member States, and in Member States that have subdivided their electoral area into constituencies, the de facto threshold nevertheless lies above 3 %, even though no legal thresholds exist; **whereas introducing obligatory thresholds is**

recognised by constitutional tradition as a legitimate means of guaranteeing the functioning of parliaments;

Or. en

Amendment 59

Helmut Scholz, Barbara Spinelli

Motion for a resolution

Recital M

Motion for a resolution

M. whereas the existing European electoral rules allow for a non-obligatory threshold of up to 5 % of votes cast to be set for European elections, and 15 Member States have availed themselves of this opportunity and have introduced a threshold of between 3 % and 5 %; whereas in smaller Member States, and in Member States that have subdivided their electoral area into constituencies, the de facto threshold nevertheless lies above 3 %, even though no legal thresholds exist;

Amendment

M. whereas the existing European electoral rules allow for a non-obligatory threshold of up to 5 % of votes cast to be set for European elections, and 15 Member States have availed themselves of this opportunity and have introduced a threshold of between 3 % and 5 %; whereas in smaller Member States, and in Member States that have subdivided their electoral area into constituencies, the de facto threshold nevertheless lies above 3 %, even though no legal thresholds exist; *whereas there is currently no EU Member State without a formal or de facto electoral threshold;*

Or. en

Amendment 60

Max Andersson

Motion for a resolution

Recital M

Motion for a resolution

M. whereas the existing European electoral rules allow for a non-obligatory threshold of up to 5 % of votes cast to be set for European elections, and 15 Member States have availed themselves of this opportunity and have introduced a threshold of between

Amendment

M. whereas the existing European electoral rules allow for a non-obligatory threshold of up to 5 % of votes cast to be set for European elections, and 15 Member States have availed themselves of this opportunity and have introduced a threshold of between

3 % and 5 %; whereas in smaller Member States, and in Member States that have subdivided their electoral area into constituencies, the de facto threshold nevertheless lies above 3 %, even though no legal thresholds exist;

3 % and 5 %; whereas in smaller Member States, and in Member States that have subdivided their electoral area into constituencies, the de facto threshold nevertheless lies above 3 %, **and sometimes far above 5 %**, even though no legal thresholds exist;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Sven Giegold, Max Andersson

Motion for a resolution
Recital M a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ma. whereas elections in constituencies which comprise one seat imply a de facto majoritarian system, and whereas the establishment of constituencies which comprise a very limited number of seats is affecting the proportional nature of the voting system;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Gerolf Annemans

Motion for a resolution
Recital N

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

N. whereas although Article 10(2) of the Electoral Act expressly prohibits the early publication of the results of elections, such results have been made public in the past; whereas a harmonised time for the close of polling in all Member States would contribute strongly to the common European character of the European elections and would reduce the possibility

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of their outcome being influenced if election results in some Member States are made public before the close of polling in all Member States;

Or. nl

Amendment 63

Morten Messerschmidt, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski

Motion for a resolution

Recital N

Motion for a resolution

N. whereas ***although*** Article 10(2) of the Electoral Act expressly prohibits the early publication of the results of elections, ***such results have been made public in the past; whereas a harmonised time for the close of polling in all Member States would contribute strongly to the common European character of the European elections and would reduce the possibility of their outcome being influenced if election results in some Member States are made public before the close of polling in all Member States;***

Amendment

N. whereas Article 10(2) of the Electoral Act expressly prohibits the early publication of the results of elections;

Or. en

Amendment 64

Esther de Lange

Motion for a resolution

Recital N

Motion for a resolution

N. whereas although Article 10(2) of the Electoral Act expressly prohibits the early publication of the results of elections, such results have been made public in the past; whereas a harmonised time for the close of polling in all Member States would

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N. whereas although Article 10(2) of the Electoral Act expressly prohibits the early publication of the results of elections, such results have been made public in the past; whereas ***notwithstanding the fact that it is for the Member States, in the light of their***

contribute strongly to the common European character of the European elections and would reduce the possibility of their outcome being influenced if election results in some Member States are made public before the close of polling in all Member States;

electoral traditions, to decide on what day(s) in the electoral period elections take place, a harmonised time for the close of polling in all Member States would contribute strongly to the common European character of the European elections and would reduce the possibility of their outcome being influenced if election results in some Member States are made public before the close of polling in all Member States; ***whereas the ban on announcing election results early must be enforced in all Member States;***

Or. nl

Amendment 65
Rainer Wieland, David McAllister

Motion for a resolution
Recital N

Motion for a resolution

N. whereas although Article 10(2) of the Electoral Act expressly prohibits the early publication of the results of elections, such results have been made public in the past; whereas a harmonised time for the close of polling in all Member States would contribute strongly to the common European character of the European elections and would reduce the possibility of their outcome being influenced if election results in some Member States are made public before the close of polling in all Member States;

Amendment

N. whereas although Article 10(2) of the Electoral Act expressly prohibits the early publication of the results of elections, such results have been made public in the past; whereas a harmonised time for the close of polling in all Member States, ***and at least for the submission of postal votes***, would contribute strongly to the common European character of the European elections and would reduce the possibility of their outcome being influenced if election results in some Member States are made public before the close of polling in all Member States;

Or. de

Amendment 66
Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution

Recital N

Motion for a resolution

N. whereas although Article 10(2) of the Electoral Act expressly prohibits the early publication of the results of elections, such results have been made public in the past; whereas a harmonised time for the close of polling in all Member States would contribute strongly to the common European character of the European elections and would reduce the possibility of their outcome being influenced if election results in some Member States are made public before the close of polling in all Member States;

Amendment

N. whereas although Article 10(2) of the Electoral Act expressly prohibits the early publication of the results of elections, such results have been made public in the past; whereas a harmonised time ***and days*** for the close of polling in all Member States would contribute strongly to the common European character of the European elections and would reduce the possibility of their outcome being influenced if election results in some Member States are made public before the close of polling in all Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 67

Gerolf Annemans

Motion for a resolution

Recital O

Motion for a resolution

O. whereas the Lisbon Treaty established a new constitutional order by granting the European Parliament the right to elect the President of the European Commission¹⁴ instead of merely giving its consent; whereas the 2014 elections set an important precedent in this respect; whereas the procedure for the nomination and selection of lead candidates for this position should furthermore be an integral part of the election campaigns; and whereas the deadline for the nomination of candidates by European political parties should be codified in the Electoral Act;

Amendment

deleted

¹⁴ Article 17(7) TEU.

Amendment 68**Morten Messerschmidt, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski****Motion for a resolution****Recital O***Motion for a resolution*

O. whereas *the Lisbon Treaty established a new constitutional order by granting the European Parliament the right to elect the President of the European Commission¹⁴ instead of merely giving its consent; whereas the 2014 elections set an important precedent in this respect; whereas the procedure for the nomination and selection of lead candidates for this position should furthermore be an integral part of the election campaigns; and whereas the deadline for the nomination of candidates by European political parties should be codified in the Electoral Act;*

¹⁴ Article 17(7) TEU.

Amendment

O. whereas, *in assuming its right to elect the President of the European Commission¹⁴, the European Parliament misapplied the Lisbon Treaty, even though this was not the intention of Member States when the Treaty was ratified; whereas the turnout for the 2014 elections was the lowest on record and highlights the lack of legitimacy in the procedure for the nomination and selection of the Commission President;*

¹⁴ Article 17(7) TEU.

Or. en

Amendment 69**Cristian Dan Preda****Motion for a resolution****Recital O***Motion for a resolution*

O. whereas the Lisbon Treaty established a new constitutional order by granting the European Parliament the right to elect the President of the European Commission¹⁴ instead of merely giving its consent; whereas the 2014 elections set an

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O. whereas the Lisbon Treaty established a new constitutional order by granting the European Parliament the right to elect the President of the European Commission¹⁴ instead of merely giving its consent; whereas the 2014 elections set an

important precedent in this respect; whereas the procedure for the nomination and selection of lead candidates for this position should furthermore be an integral part of the election campaigns; and whereas the deadline for the nomination of candidates by European political parties should be codified in the Electoral Act;

important precedent in this respect; whereas the ***nomination of lead candidates for the office of President of the European Commission provides a link between votes cast at national level and the European context and enables EU citizens to make informed choices between alternative political programmes; whereas the designation of lead candidates by open and transparent procedures reinforces democratic legitimacy, strengthens accountability and would help them become better known by EU citizens;*** whereas the procedure for the nomination and selection of lead candidates for this position should furthermore be an integral part of the election campaigns; and whereas the deadline for the nomination of candidates by European political parties should be codified in the Electoral Act;

¹⁴ Article 17(7) TEU.

¹⁴ Article 17(7) TEU.

Or. en

Amendment 70
Barbara Spinelli, Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Recital O

Motion for a resolution

O. whereas the Lisbon Treaty established a new constitutional order by granting the European Parliament the right to elect the President of the European Commission¹⁴ instead of merely giving its consent; whereas the 2014 elections set an important precedent in this respect; whereas the procedure for the nomination and selection of lead candidates for this position should furthermore be an integral part of the election campaigns; *and* whereas the deadline for the nomination of candidates by European political parties

Amendment

O. whereas the Lisbon Treaty established a new constitutional order by granting the European Parliament the right to elect the President of the European Commission¹⁴ instead of merely giving its consent; whereas the 2014 elections set an important precedent in this respect; whereas the procedure for the nomination and selection of lead candidates for this position should furthermore be an integral part of the election campaigns *and, at a later stage, of the consultations taking place between the representatives of the*

should be codified in the Electoral Act;

European Parliament and of the European Council in accordance with the Declaration No 11 annexed to the Final act of the Intergovernmental Conference which adopted the Treaty of Lisbon, concerning Article 17(6) and (7) of the Treaty on European Union; whereas the deadline for the nomination of candidates by European political parties should be codified in the Electoral Act; ***and whereas the lead candidates for the position of President of the Commission should subject themselves to the electoral test, and should be candidates in the elections to the European Parliament;***

¹⁴ Article 17(7) TEU.

¹⁴ Article 17(7) TEU.

Or. en

Amendment 71

Viviane Reding

Motion for a resolution

Recital O

Motion for a resolution

O. whereas the Lisbon Treaty established a new constitutional order by granting the European Parliament the right to elect the President of the European Commission¹⁴ instead of merely giving its consent; whereas the 2014 elections set an important precedent in this respect; whereas the procedure for the nomination and selection of lead candidates for this position should furthermore be an integral part of the election campaigns; and whereas the deadline for the nomination of candidates by European political parties should be codified in the Electoral Act;

Amendment

O. whereas the Lisbon Treaty established a new constitutional order by granting the European Parliament the right to elect the President of the European Commission¹⁴ instead of merely giving its consent; whereas the 2014 elections set an important precedent in this respect; whereas the procedure for the nomination and selection of lead candidates for this position ***is a strong expression of functioning transnational European party democracy and*** should furthermore be an integral part of the election campaigns; ***whereas the 2014 elections to the European Parliament have shown that lead candidates increase citizens' interest in European elections,*** and whereas the deadline for the nomination of candidates

by European political parties should be codified in the Electoral Act;

¹⁴ Article 17(7) TEU.

¹⁴ Article 17(7) TEU.

Or. en

Amendment 72
Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Recital O a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Oa. whereas open, transparent and democratic procedures for the selection of candidates are essential for building trust in the political system;

Or. en

Amendment 73
Morten Messerschmidt, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski

Motion for a resolution
Recital P

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

P. whereas not all Member States afford their citizens the possibility of voting from abroad, and among those that do, the conditions for deprivation of the right to vote vary greatly; whereas granting all Union citizens residing outside the Union the right to participate in elections would contribute to electoral equality;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 74
Gerolf Annemans

Motion for a resolution
Recital P

Motion for a resolution

P. whereas not all Member States afford their citizens the possibility of voting from abroad, and among those that do, the conditions for deprivation of the right to vote vary greatly; whereas granting all Union citizens residing outside the Union the right to participate in elections would contribute to electoral equality;

Amendment

deleted

Or. nl

Amendment 75
Esther de Lange, Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution
Recital P

Motion for a resolution

P. whereas not all Member States afford their citizens the possibility of voting from abroad, and among those that do, the conditions for deprivation of the right to vote vary greatly; whereas granting all Union citizens residing outside the Union the right to participate in elections would contribute to electoral equality;

Amendment

P. whereas not all Member States afford their citizens the possibility of voting from abroad, and among those that do, the conditions for deprivation of the right to vote vary greatly; whereas granting all Union citizens residing outside the Union the right to participate in elections would contribute to electoral equality; ***whereas, however, Member States need to coordinate their administrative systems better in order to prevent voters from voting twice in two different Member States;***

Or. nl

Amendment 76
Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Recital P a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Pa. whereas the current composition of the European Parliament, comprising as it does only 36,62 % women, falls far short of the values and objectives of gender equality championed in the Charter of Fundamental Rights;

Or. en

Amendment 77
Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Enrique Guerrero Salom

Motion for a resolution
Recital P a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Pa. whereas the establishment of a joint constituency in which international lists of up to 50 candidates, headed by each political family's nominee for the post of President of the Commission, would stand for election would help to revitalise European democracy;

Or. es

Amendment 78
Barbara Spinelli, Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution
Recital P a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Pa. whereas the right to vote in elections to the European Parliament should be granted, to the same extent, to those European citizens who exercise their right

to freedom of movement in a Member State different from that of their own citizenship, without those citizens being obliged to take up residence in that State;

Or. en

Amendment 79

Helmut Scholz, Barbara Spinelli, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution

Recital P a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Pa. whereas at least 13 Member States do not have in place adequate internal rules precluding citizens of the Union who have dual nationality of EU Member States from voting twice , in breach of Article 9 of the Electoral Act;

Or. en

Amendment 80

Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Enrique Guerrero Salom

Motion for a resolution

Recital P b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Pb. whereas a central electoral authority along the lines of those which already exist in a number of Member States should be set up at European level;

Or. es

Amendment 81

Paulo Rangel

Motion for a resolution

Recital Q

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Q. whereas the minimum age for eligibility to stand as a candidate across the 28 Member States varies between 18 and 25, and the minimum age for eligibility to vote ranges from 16 to 18, due to the divergent constitutional and electoral traditions in the Member States; whereas harmonisation of the voting age, and of the minimum age for candidates, would be highly desirable as a means of providing Union citizens with real voting equality, and would enable discrimination to be avoided in the most fundamental area of citizenship: the right to participate in the democratic process;

deleted

Or. en

**Amendment 82
Viviane Reding**

**Motion for a resolution
Recital Q**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Q. whereas the minimum age for eligibility to stand as a candidate across the 28 Member States varies between 18 and 25, and the minimum age for eligibility to vote ranges from 16 to 18, due to the divergent constitutional and electoral traditions in the Member States; whereas harmonisation of the voting age, and of the minimum age for candidates, would be highly desirable as a means of providing Union citizens with real voting equality, and would enable discrimination to be avoided in the most fundamental area of citizenship: the right to participate in the democratic process;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 83
Gerolf Annemans

Motion for a resolution
Recital Q

Motion for a resolution

Q. whereas the minimum age for eligibility to stand as a candidate across the 28 Member States varies between 18 and 25, and the minimum age for eligibility to vote ranges from 16 to 18, due to the divergent constitutional and electoral traditions in the Member States; whereas harmonisation of the voting age, and of the minimum age for candidates, would be highly desirable as a means of providing Union citizens with real voting equality, and would enable discrimination to be avoided in the most fundamental area of citizenship: the right to participate in the democratic process;

Amendment

deleted

Or. nl

Amendment 84
Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Recital Q

Motion for a resolution

Q. whereas the minimum age for eligibility to stand as a candidate across the 28 Member States varies between 18 and 25, and the minimum age for eligibility to vote ranges from 16 to 18, due to the divergent constitutional and electoral traditions in the Member States; *whereas harmonisation of the voting age, and of the minimum age for candidates, would be highly desirable as a means of providing Union citizens with real voting equality, and would*

Amendment

Q. whereas the minimum age for eligibility to stand as a candidate across the 28 Member States varies between 18 and 25, and the minimum age for eligibility to vote ranges from 16 to 18, due to the divergent constitutional and electoral traditions in the Member States;

enable discrimination to be avoided in the most fundamental area of citizenship: the right to participate in the democratic process;

Or. en

Amendment 85

Morten Messerschmidt, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski

Motion for a resolution

Recital Q

Motion for a resolution

Q. whereas the minimum age for eligibility to stand as a candidate across the 28 Member States varies between 18 and 25, and the minimum age for eligibility to vote ranges from 16 to 18, due to the divergent constitutional and electoral traditions in the Member States; *whereas harmonisation of the voting age, and of the minimum age for candidates, would be highly desirable as a means of providing Union citizens with real voting equality, and would enable discrimination to be avoided in the most fundamental area of citizenship: the right to participate in the democratic process;*

Amendment

Q. whereas the minimum age for eligibility to stand as a candidate across the 28 Member States varies between 18 and 25, and the minimum age for eligibility to vote ranges from 16 to 18, due to the divergent constitutional and electoral traditions in the Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 86

Esther de Lange, Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution

Recital Q

Motion for a resolution

Q. whereas the minimum age for eligibility to stand as a candidate across the 28 Member States varies between 18 and 25, and the minimum age for eligibility to vote

Amendment

Q. whereas the minimum age for eligibility to stand as a candidate across the 28 Member States varies between 18 and 25, and the minimum age for eligibility to vote

ranges from 16 to 18, due to the divergent constitutional and electoral traditions in the Member States; whereas *harmonisation* of the voting age, and of the minimum age for candidates, would be highly desirable as a means of providing Union citizens with real voting equality, and would enable discrimination to be avoided in the most fundamental area of citizenship: the right to participate in the democratic process;

ranges from 16 to 18, due to the divergent constitutional and electoral traditions in the Member States; whereas *eventual convergence* of the voting age, and of the minimum age for candidates, would be highly desirable as a means of providing Union citizens with real voting equality, and would enable discrimination to be avoided in the most fundamental area of citizenship: the right to participate in the democratic process;

Or. nl

Amendment 87
Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Recital Q a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Qa. whereas new political identities, especially in the border regions where there is intense cross-border cooperation, are emerging in the Union, and whereas those identities should be taken into account and thought should be given to cross-border constituencies and transnational lists;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Viviane Reding

Motion for a resolution
Recital Q a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Qa. whereas the existing European electoral rules authorise voting based on a preferential list system, and twenty Member States have introduced preferential voting; whereas preferential

voting systems have demonstrably increased the accountability of the individuals elected to serve as Members of the European Parliament, and have strengthened the democratic legitimacy of the European Parliament as a whole;

Or. en

Amendment 89
Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Enrique Guerrero Salom

Motion for a resolution
Recital Q a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Qa. whereas the official establishment and consolidation of political parties at EU level are fostering the development of European political awareness and giving expression to the wishes of Union citizens, and whereas this has also facilitated the process of gradually bringing electoral systems closer together;

Or. es

Amendment 90
Max Andersson

Motion for a resolution
Recital Q a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Qa. whereas Members of the European Parliament do not have the possibility of being replaced by a temporary substitute when they take parental leave or if they need to take long-term leave of absence for reasons of sickness, which means that there is a risk that some constituents may receive a lower quality of representation, and whereas the possibility of being

replaced by a temporary substitute is open only to Members of the European Parliament from some Member States who are appointed to serve as ministers in their national governments;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Viviane Reding

Motion for a resolution
Recital Q b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Qb. whereas in the 2014 European elections the lowest turnout in a Member State was 13,05%, the turnout of young voters in the EU was 27,8% and the general turnout was 42,61%; whereas compulsory voting is an efficient means of increasing turnout and thereby broadening democratic legitimacy, and whereas experience in some Member States has shown that the duty to vote is a valuable feature of citizenship;

Or. en

Amendment 92
Gerolf Annemans

Motion for a resolution
Recital R

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

R. whereas postal, electronic and internet voting could make the conduct of European elections more efficient and more appealing for voters, provided that the highest possible standards of data protection are ensured;

deleted

Amendment 93

Rainer Wieland, David McAllister

Motion for a resolution

Recital R

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

R. whereas postal, electronic and internet voting could make the conduct of European elections more efficient and more appealing for voters, provided that the highest possible standards of data protection are ensured; *deleted*

Or. de

Amendment 94

Max Andersson

Motion for a resolution

Recital R

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

R. whereas postal, *electronic and internet* voting could *make the conduct of European* elections *more efficient and more appealing for voters, provided that the highest possible standards of data protection are ensured;*

R. whereas *a wider use of* postal voting could *increase the rate of participation in* elections *to the European Parliament;*

Or. en

Amendment 95

Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Enrique Guerrero Salom

Motion for a resolution

Recital R

Motion for a resolution

R. whereas postal, electronic and internet voting could make the conduct of European elections more efficient and more appealing for voters, provided that the highest possible standards of data protection are ensured;

Amendment

R. whereas postal, electronic and internet voting, ***and the introduction of digital citizenship to facilitate it***, could make the conduct of European elections more efficient and more appealing for voters, provided that the highest possible standards of data protection are ensured;

Or. es

Amendment 96
Max Andersson

Motion for a resolution
Recital R a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Ra. whereas internet voting has certain drawbacks, such as the difficulty of ensuring that the voter is making his or her own free choice, unconstrained by bystanders, the difficulty of ensuring data protection and the secrecy of the vote, the difficulty of ensuring that votes are counted correctly without being tampered with, and difficulties of getting the public to trust the result;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 97
Helmut Scholz, Barbara Spinelli, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution
Recital R a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Ra. whereas only very few Member States have incorporated the principle of equality between women and men, as one

Amendment

of the founding values of the EU, in their national electoral laws; whereas gender quotas and zipped lists in political decision-making have proved to be highly effective tools in addressing discrimination and gender power imbalances and improving democratic representation on political decision-making bodies;

Or. en

Amendment 98
Gerolf Annemans

Motion for a resolution
Recital S

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

S. whereas in most Member States, members of the executive can seek election to the parliament without having to discontinue their institutional activity;

deleted

Or. nl

Amendment 99
Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Recital S

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

S. whereas in most Member States, members of the executive can seek election to the parliament without having to discontinue their institutional activity;

S. whereas in most Member States, members of the executive can seek election to the ***national*** parliament without having to discontinue their institutional activity;

Or. en

Amendment 100
Gerolf Annemans

Motion for a resolution
Recital T

Motion for a resolution

T. whereas first projections of the electoral results should be announced simultaneously in all Member States on the last day of the election period at 21:00 hours CET;

Amendment

deleted

Or. nl

Amendment 101
Rainer Wieland

Motion for a resolution
Recital T

Motion for a resolution

T. whereas first projections of the electoral results should be announced simultaneously in all Member States on the last day of the election period at **21:00** hours CET;

Amendment

T. whereas first projections of the electoral results should be announced simultaneously in all Member States on the last day of the election period at **20:00** hours CET;

Or. de

Amendment 102
Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Recital T

Motion for a resolution

T. whereas first projections of the electoral results should be announced simultaneously in all Member States on the last day of the election period at **21:00** hours CET;

Amendment

T. whereas first projections of the electoral results should be announced simultaneously in all Member States on the last day of the election period at **23:00** hours CET;

Amendment 103

Esther de Lange

Motion for a resolution

Recital T

Motion for a resolution

T. whereas first projections of the electoral results should be announced simultaneously in all Member States on the last day of the election period at 21:00 hours CET;

Amendment

T. whereas first *official* projections of the electoral results should be announced simultaneously in all Member States on the last day of the election period at 21:00 hours CET;

Or. nl

Amendment 104

Rainer Wieland

Motion for a resolution

Recital T a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ta. whereas the current system for the allocation of seats is not based on the proper application of the principle of degressive proportionality;

Or. de

Amendment 105

Iratxe García Pérez

on behalf of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Constance Le Grip

Motion for a resolution

Recital T a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ta. whereas despite continuous progress since 1979 in terms of balance between women and men in the distribution of seats, there remain considerable divergencies in this regard between Member States, with 10 of them having a level lower than 33% accounted for by the less represented sex; whereas a level of 40% for the less represented sex should be sought in relation to those Member States which are allocated more than 15 seats;

Or. en

Amendment 106
Andrej Plenković

Motion for a resolution
Recital T a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ta. whereas the principle of degressive proportionality enshrined in the Treaty on the European Union has contributed significantly to the common ownership of the European project between all Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 107
Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Recital T a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ta. whereas the establishment of an European Electoral Authority would facilitate access to information on the

rules governing the European elections, would streamline the process and would enhance the European character of those elections;

Or. en

Amendment 108
Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Recital T b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Tb. whereas establishing a common European voting day would better reflect common participation by citizens across the Union, reinforce participatory democracy and help create a more coherent pan-European election;

Or. en

Amendment 109
Rainer Wieland, David McAllister

Motion for a resolution
Recital T b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Tb. whereas a fixed electoral period for the European elections would increase voter interest; whereas a fixed period which includes as few national holidays as possible would boost turnout;

Or. de

Amendment 110
Gerolf Annemans

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Decides *to reform its electoral procedure in good time before the 2019 elections, with the aim of enhancing the democratic dimension of the European elections, reinforcing the concept of citizenship of the Union, improving the functioning of the European Parliament and the governance of the Union, making the work of the European Parliament more legitimate and efficient, enhancing the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, and providing for greater electoral equality for citizens of the Union;*

Amendment

1. Decides *that, apart from technical adjustments, such as for example the number of languages in which the Act is written (Article 15) or the updating of Article 7(2), nothing should be amended or inserted in the Electoral Act of 20 September 1976;*

Or. nl

Amendment 111
Morten Messerschmidt, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Decides to reform its electoral procedure in good time before the 2019 elections, with the aim of enhancing the democratic dimension of the European elections, *reinforcing the concept of citizenship of the Union*, improving the functioning of the European Parliament *and the governance of the Union*, making the work of the European Parliament more legitimate and efficient, enhancing the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, and providing for greater electoral equality for citizens of the Union;

Amendment

1. Decides to reform its electoral procedure in good time before the 2019 elections, with the aim of enhancing the democratic dimension of the European elections, improving the functioning of the European Parliament, making the work of the European Parliament more legitimate and efficient, enhancing the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, and providing for greater electoral equality for citizens of the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 112
Helmut Scholz, Barbara Spinelli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Decides to reform its electoral procedure in good time before the 2019 elections, with the aim of enhancing the democratic dimension of the European elections, reinforcing the concept of citizenship of the Union, ***improving the functioning of the European Parliament and the governance of the Union***, making the work of the European Parliament more legitimate and efficient, enhancing the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, and providing for greater electoral equality for citizens of the Union;

Amendment

1. Decides to reform its electoral procedure in good time before the 2019 elections, with the aim of enhancing the democratic dimension of the European elections, reinforcing the concept of citizenship of the Union, making the work of the European Parliament more legitimate and efficient, enhancing the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, and providing for greater electoral equality for citizens of the Union ***as well as within the Member States***;

Or. en

Amendment 113
Arne Gericke, Ulrike Müller

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Decides to reform its electoral procedure in good time before the 2019 elections, with the aim of enhancing the democratic dimension of the European elections, reinforcing the concept of citizenship of the Union, improving the functioning of the European Parliament and the governance of the Union, making the work of the European Parliament more legitimate and efficient, enhancing the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, and providing for

Amendment

1. Decides to reform its electoral procedure in good time before the 2019 elections, with the aim of enhancing the democratic dimension of the European elections, reinforcing the concept of citizenship of the Union ***and electoral equality, promoting the principle of representative democracy and the direct representation of Union citizens in the European Parliament, in accordance with Article 10 TFEU***, improving the functioning of the European Parliament and the governance

greater electoral equality for citizens of the Union;

of the Union, making the work of the European Parliament more legitimate and efficient, enhancing the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, and providing for the **greatest possible degree of** electoral equality for citizens of the Union;

Or. de

Amendment 114
Andrej Plenković

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Decides to reform its electoral procedure in good time before the 2019 elections, with the aim of enhancing the democratic dimension of the European elections, reinforcing the concept of citizenship of the Union, improving the functioning of the European Parliament and the governance of the Union, making the work of the European Parliament more legitimate and efficient, enhancing the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, and providing for greater electoral equality for citizens of the Union;

Amendment

1. Decides to reform its electoral procedure in good time before the 2019 elections, with the aim of enhancing the democratic dimension of the European elections, reinforcing the concept of citizenship of the Union, improving the functioning of the European Parliament and the governance of the Union, making the work of the European Parliament more legitimate and efficient, enhancing the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, **fostering common ownership among citizens from all Member States, enhancing the balanced composition of the European Parliament**, and providing for greater electoral equality for citizens of the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 115
Morten Messerschmidt, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Decides to reform its electoral procedure in good time before the 2019 elections, with the aim of enhancing the democratic dimension of the European elections, reinforcing the concept of citizenship of the Union, improving the functioning of the European Parliament and the governance of the Union, making the work of the European Parliament more legitimate and efficient, enhancing the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, and providing for greater electoral equality for citizens of the Union;

Amendment

1. Decides to reform its electoral procedure in good time before the 2019 elections, with the aim of enhancing the democratic dimension of the European elections, reinforcing the concept of citizenship of the Union ***in a way that does not contradict the obvious primacy of national consciousness and citizenship***, improving the functioning of the European Parliament and the governance of the Union ***in accordance with national democracies***, making the work of the European Parliament more legitimate and efficient, enhancing the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, and providing for greater electoral equality for citizens of the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 116

Sylvie Goulard, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Decides to reform its electoral procedure in good time before the 2019 elections, with the aim of enhancing the democratic dimension of the European elections, reinforcing the concept of citizenship of the Union, improving the functioning of the European Parliament and the governance of the Union, making the work of the European Parliament more legitimate and efficient, enhancing the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, and providing for greater electoral equality for citizens of the Union;

Amendment

1. Decides to reform its electoral procedure in good time before the 2019 elections, with the aim of enhancing the democratic ***and supranational*** dimension of the European elections, reinforcing the concept of citizenship of the Union, improving the functioning of the European Parliament and the governance of the Union, making the work of the European Parliament more legitimate and efficient, enhancing the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, and providing for greater electoral equality for citizens of the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 117
Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Decides to reform its electoral procedure in good time before the 2019 elections, with the aim of enhancing the democratic dimension of the European elections, reinforcing the concept of citizenship of the Union, improving the functioning of the European Parliament and the governance of the Union, making the work of the European Parliament more legitimate and efficient, enhancing the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, and providing for greater electoral equality for citizens of the Union;

Amendment

1. Decides to reform its electoral procedure in good time before the 2019 elections, with the aim of enhancing the democratic dimension of the European elections **and the democratic legitimacy of the EU decision-making process**, reinforcing the concept of citizenship of the Union, improving the functioning of the European Parliament and the governance of the Union, making the work of the European Parliament more legitimate and efficient, enhancing the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, and providing for greater electoral equality for citizens of the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 118
Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Decides to reform its electoral procedure in good time before the 2019 elections, with the aim of enhancing the democratic dimension of the European elections, reinforcing the concept of citizenship of the Union, improving the functioning of the European Parliament and the governance of the Union, making the work of the European Parliament more legitimate and efficient, enhancing the effectiveness of the system for conducting

Amendment

1. Decides to reform its electoral procedure in good time before the 2019 elections, with the aim of enhancing the democratic dimension of the European elections, reinforcing the concept of citizenship of the Union, improving the functioning of the European Parliament and the governance of the Union, making the work of the European Parliament more legitimate and efficient, enhancing the effectiveness of the system for conducting

European elections, and providing for greater electoral equality for citizens of the Union;

European elections, and providing for greater electoral equality *and participation* for citizens of the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 119
Gerolf Annemans

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Observes that, in its existing form, the Act guarantees direct general elections in accordance with democratic principles;

Or. nl

Amendment 120
Gerolf Annemans

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1b. Adds that the Member States have the autonomous power to decide for themselves the conditions and procedures for the elections which apply to their citizens;

Or. nl

Amendment 121
Morten Messerschmidt, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Proposes that the visibility of European political parties be enhanced by placing their names and logos on the ballot papers, and recommends that the same should also appear on posters and other material used in European election campaigns, since those measures would render European elections more transparent and improve the democratic manner in which they are conducted, as citizens will be able to clearly link their vote with the impact it has on the size of a European political group in the European Parliament;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 122
Gerolf Annemans

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Proposes that the visibility of European political parties be enhanced by placing their names and logos on the ballot papers, and recommends that the same should also appear on posters and other material used in European election campaigns, since those measures would render European elections more transparent and improve the democratic manner in which they are conducted, as citizens will be able to clearly link their vote with the impact it has on the size of a European political group in the European Parliament;

deleted

Or. nl

Amendment 123
Max Andersson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Proposes that the visibility of European political parties be enhanced by placing their names and logos on the ballot papers, and recommends that the same should also appear on posters and other material used in European election campaigns, since those measures would render European elections more transparent and improve the democratic manner in which they are conducted, as citizens will be able to clearly link their vote with the impact it has on the size of a European political group in the European Parliament;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 124
Andrej Plenković

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Proposes that the visibility of European political parties be enhanced by placing their names and logos on the ballot papers, and recommends that the same should also appear on posters and other material used in European election campaigns, since those measures would render European elections more transparent and improve the democratic manner in which they are conducted, as citizens will be able to clearly link their vote with the impact it has on the size of a European political group in the European Parliament;

Amendment

2. Proposes that the visibility of European political parties be enhanced by placing their names and logos ***and the names of their candidates for the office of Commission President*** on the ballot papers, and recommends that the same should also appear on posters and other material used in European election campaigns, since those measures would render European elections more transparent and improve the democratic manner in which they are conducted, as citizens will be able to clearly link their vote with the impact it has on the size of a European

political group in the European Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 125

Helmut Scholz, Barbara Spinelli, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Proposes that the visibility of European political parties be enhanced by placing their names and logos on the ballot papers, and recommends that the same should also appear on posters and other material used in European election campaigns, since those measures would render European elections more transparent and improve the democratic manner in which they are conducted, as citizens will be able to clearly link their vote with the impact it has on the *size of a* European political *group* in the European Parliament;

Amendment

2. Proposes that the visibility of European political parties be enhanced by placing their names and logos on the ballot papers, and recommends that the same should also appear on posters and other material used in European election campaigns, since those measures would render European elections more transparent and improve the democratic manner in which they are conducted, as citizens will be able to clearly link their vote with the impact it has on the *political influence of* European political *parties and their ability to form political groups* in the European Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 126

Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Proposes that the visibility of European political parties be enhanced by placing their names and logos on the ballot papers, and recommends that the same should also appear on posters and other material used in European election campaigns, since those measures would render European

Amendment

2. Proposes that the visibility of European political parties be enhanced by placing their names and logos on the ballot papers, and recommends that the same should also appear on *television and radio campaign broadcasts*, posters and other material used in European election campaigns, since

elections more transparent and improve the democratic manner in which they are conducted, as citizens will be able to clearly link their vote with the impact it has on the size of a European political group in the European Parliament;

those measures would render European elections more transparent and improve the democratic manner in which they are conducted, as citizens will be able to clearly link their vote with the impact it has on the size of a European political group in the European Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 127

Rainer Wieland, David McAllister

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Proposes that the visibility of European political parties be enhanced by **placing** their names and logos on the ballot papers, and recommends that the same should also appear on posters and other material used in European election campaigns, since those measures would render European elections more transparent and improve the democratic manner in which they are conducted, as citizens will be able to clearly link their vote with the impact it has on the size of a European political group in the European Parliament;

Amendment

2. Proposes that the visibility of European political parties be enhanced by **making it possible for** their names and logos **to be placed** on the ballot papers, and recommends that the same should also appear on posters and other material used in European election campaigns, since those measures would render European elections more transparent and improve the democratic manner in which they are conducted, as citizens will be able to clearly link their vote with the impact it has on the size of a European political group in the European Parliament;

Or. de

Amendment 128

Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. **Proposes that the visibility of European political parties be enhanced by placing**

Amendment

2. **Recognises the right of national political parties to place the** names and

their names and logos on *the ballot papers, and recommends that the same should also appear on* posters and other material used in European election campaigns, *since those measures would render European elections more transparent and improve the democratic manner in which they are conducted, as citizens will be able to clearly link their vote with the impact it has on the size of a European political group in the European Parliament;*

logos *of European political parties* on posters and other material used in European election campaigns;

Or. pl

Amendment 129

Jo Leinen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Proposes that the visibility of European political parties be enhanced by placing their names and logos on the ballot papers, and recommends that the same should also appear on posters and other material used in European election campaigns, since those measures would render European elections more transparent and improve the democratic manner in which they are conducted, as citizens will be able to clearly link their vote with the impact it has on the size of a European political group in the European Parliament;

Amendment

2. Proposes that the visibility of European political parties be enhanced by placing their names and logos on the ballot papers, and recommends that the same should also appear on posters and other material used in European election campaigns, *especially their manifestos*, since those measures would render European elections more transparent and improve the democratic manner in which they are conducted, as citizens will be able to clearly link their vote with the impact it has on the size of a European political group in the European Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 130

György Schöpflin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Proposes that the visibility of European political parties be enhanced by placing their names and logos on the ballot papers, and recommends that the same should also appear on posters and other material used in European election campaigns, since those measures would render European elections more transparent and improve the democratic manner in which they are conducted, as citizens will be able to **clearly** link their vote with the impact it has on the size of a European political group in the European Parliament;

Amendment

2. Proposes that the visibility of European political parties be enhanced by placing their names and logos on the ballot papers, and recommends that the same should also appear on posters and other material used in European election campaigns, since those measures would render European elections more transparent and improve the democratic manner in which they are conducted, as citizens will be able to link their vote **clearly** with the impact it has on the size of a European political group in the European Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 131

Morten Messerschmidt, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Proposes that the names and logos of the national political parties or alliances of parties should appear on the ballot papers, and that those ballot papers may also mention, secondarily, any affiliations that such national political parties or alliances of parties may have with European political parties;

Or. en

Amendment 132

Jo Leinen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Encourages Member States to facilitate the participation of European political parties, as well as their lead candidates, in electoral campaigns, particularly on television and in other media;

Or. en

**Amendment 133
György Schöpflin**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Considers at the same time, in the light of the European Union's commitment to subsidiarity, that regional political parties competing in European Parliamentary elections should follow the same practice and that regional authorities should be encouraged to use officially recognised regional languages in that context;

Or. en

**Amendment 134
Gerolf Annemans**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Determines to set a common minimum deadline of twelve weeks before election day for the establishment of lists at national level, in order to enhance electoral equality by providing candidates

deleted

and voters across the Union with the same period in which to prepare and reflect ahead of the vote;

Or. nl

Amendment 135
Josep-Maria Terricabras, Ernest Maragall

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Determines to set a common minimum deadline of twelve weeks before election day for the establishment of *lists at national level*, in order to enhance electoral equality by providing candidates and voters across the Union with the same period in which to prepare and reflect ahead of the vote;

Amendment

3. Determines to set a common minimum deadline of twelve weeks before election day for the establishment of *electoral lists*, in order to enhance electoral equality by providing candidates and voters across the Union with the same period in which to prepare and reflect ahead of the vote;

Or. en

Amendment 136
Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Determines to set a common minimum deadline of twelve weeks before election day for the establishment of lists at national level, in order to enhance electoral equality by providing candidates and voters across the Union with the same period in which to prepare and reflect ahead of the vote;

Amendment

3. Determines to set a common minimum deadline of twelve weeks before election day for the establishment of lists at national level, in order to enhance electoral equality by providing candidates and voters across the Union with the same period in which to prepare and reflect ahead of the vote; *encourages Member States to reflect upon ways to ensure greater convergence between rules governing electoral campaigns regarding European elections;*

Amendment 137

Rainer Wieland

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Proposes that procedures for nominating candidates for the European elections must meet minimum standards as regards transparency and intra-party democracy; recommends that national parties should be required to hold democratic elections to choose their candidates for European elections;

Or. de

Amendment 138

Josep-Maria Terricabras, Ernest Maragall

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Proposes that Member States in which there are regions vested with legislative powers should subdivide their electoral area in such a way as to reflect this fact, in order to better represent the political reality of each Member State;

Or. en

Amendment 139

Ernest Maragall, Josep-Maria Terricabras

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 b (new)

3b. Proposes that 25 Members of the European Parliament should be elected to represent a constituency formed of the whole territory of the European Union, on the basis that pan-European lists would be composed of candidates drawn from at least one third of the Member States, that no more than 25% of the candidates on each list would be residents of the same Member State, and that each group of five candidates would be composed of nationals of five different Member States; each elector would be permitted to cast one vote for the EU-wide list in addition to his or her vote for the national or regional list; and seats thus won would be allocated without a minimum threshold in accordance with the Sainte-Laguë method; further, proposes that an electoral authority be established at EU level in order to regulate the conduct, and to verify the result, of the election taking place from the pan-European list;

Or. en

Amendment 140

Paulo Rangel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Suggests the introduction of an obligatory threshold, ranging between 3% and 5%, for the allocation of seats in single-constituency Member States and constituencies in which the list system is used and which comprise more than 26 seats; considers this measure important for safeguarding the functioning the European Parliament, since it will avoid further fragmentation;

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Amendment 141
Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Suggests the introduction of an obligatory threshold, ranging between 3% and 5%, for the allocation of seats in single-constituency Member States and constituencies in which the list system is used and which comprise more than 26 seats; considers this measure important for safeguarding the functioning the European Parliament, since it will avoid further fragmentation;

deleted

Amendment 142
Gerolf Annemans

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Suggests the introduction of an obligatory threshold, ranging between 3% and 5%, for the allocation of seats in single-constituency Member States and constituencies in which the list system is used and which comprise more than 26 seats; considers this measure important for safeguarding the functioning the European Parliament, since it will avoid further fragmentation;

deleted

Amendment 143
Arne Gericke, Ulrike Müller

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Suggests the introduction of an obligatory threshold, ranging between 3% and 5%, for the allocation of seats in single-constituency Member States and constituencies in which the list system is used and which comprise more than 26 seats; considers this measure important for safeguarding the functioning the European Parliament, since it will avoid further fragmentation;

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 144
Max Andersson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Suggests the introduction of an obligatory threshold, ranging between 3% and 5%, for the allocation of seats in single-constituency Member States and constituencies in which the list system is used and which comprise more than 26 seats; considers this measure important for safeguarding the functioning the European Parliament, since it will avoid further fragmentation;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 145
Arne Gericke, Ulrike Müller

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Suggests *the introduction of an obligatory threshold, ranging between 3% and 5%, for the allocation of seats in single-constituency Member States and constituencies in which the list system is used and which comprise more than 26 seats; considers this measure important for safeguarding the functioning the European Parliament, since it will avoid further fragmentation;*

Amendment

4. Suggests *further measures to do away with existing obligatory thresholds for European elections, in order to promote electoral equality and equal opportunities for all Union citizens and strengthen their immediate democratic representation in accordance with Article 10 TFEU;*

Or. de

Amendment 146
Josep-Maria Terricabras, Ernest Maragall

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Suggests *the introduction of an obligatory threshold, ranging between 3% and 5%, for the allocation of seats in single-constituency Member States and constituencies in which the list system is used and which comprise more than 26 seats; considers this measure important for safeguarding the functioning the European Parliament, since it will avoid further fragmentation;*

Amendment

4. Suggests *that, where a threshold is set at national level, it should not exceed 3 % of the votes cast;*

Or. en

Amendment 147
Helmut Scholz, Barbara Spinelli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Suggests the introduction of an obligatory threshold, ranging between 3% and 5%, for the allocation of seats in single-constituency Member States and constituencies in which the list system is used **and which comprise more than 26 seats; considers this measure important for safeguarding the functioning** the European Parliament, since it will avoid further fragmentation;

Amendment

4. Considers it important that the composition of the European Parliament should reflect the diversity of political views in the EU; consequently, encourages Member States to make efforts to ensure that, as far as possible, their electoral systems reflect those diversities, including the representation of smaller political forces; confirms that there is in fact no political or legal need to go beyond the binding rules laid down in the Electoral Act, which allows, but does not oblige, the Member States to introduce, by means of national electoral laws, thresholds, ranging between 3% and 5%, for the allocation of seats in single-constituency Member States and constituencies in which the list system is used; **confirms the readiness of the European Parliament to reconsider its position where there arises an urgent need to take action at the European level in the interest of safeguarding the functioning of the European Parliament;**

Or. en

Amendment 148

Arne Gericke, Ulrike Müller

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Emphasises the particular importance of the European political groups, which already make it possible for national parties of all sizes to work together effectively, as demonstrated by the large political groups, which bring together 40 and in some cases more than 50 national parties;

Amendment 149
Max Andersson, Sven Giegold

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Suggests that constituencies established by Member States should comprise not less than 10 % of the total number of seats allocated to the Member State concerned and that, for constituencies comprising fewer than 26 seats, a mechanism for the adjustment of seats be set up at national level in order to guarantee the proportional nature of the voting system;

Or. en

Amendment 150
Morten Messerschmidt, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Proposes that elections in all Member States end by 21:00 hours CET on the Sunday of the European elections, as this would ensure the correct application of Article 10(2) of the Electoral Act and thus reduce the possibility of the outcome of the elections being influenced if the election results in some Member States are made public before the close of polling in all Member States;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 151
Esther de Lange

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Proposes that elections in all Member States end by 21:00 hours CET on the Sunday of the European elections, as this would ensure the correct application of Article 10(2) of the Electoral Act and thus reduce the possibility of the outcome of the elections being influenced if the election results in some Member States are made public before the close of polling in all Member States;

Amendment

5. Proposes, ***despite the fact that Member States are free to determine the day(s) of the elections within the electoral period,*** that elections in all Member States end by 21:00 hours CET on the Sunday of the European elections, as this would ensure the correct application of Article 10(2) of the Electoral Act and thus reduce the possibility of the outcome of the elections being influenced if the election results in some Member States are made public before the close of polling in all Member States; ***advocates that the ban on early announcement of the election results should remain in force in all Member States;***

Or. nl

Amendment 152
Josep-Maria Terricabras, Ernest Maragall

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Proposes that ***elections*** in all Member States ***end by*** 21:00 hours CET on the Sunday of the European elections, as this would ensure the correct application of Article 10(2) of the Electoral Act and thus reduce the possibility of the outcome of the elections being influenced if the election results in some Member States are made public before the close of polling in all Member States;

Amendment

5. Proposes that ***polling stations*** in all Member States ***close at*** 21:00 hours CET on the Sunday of the European elections, as this would ensure the correct application of Article 10(2) of the Electoral Act and thus reduce the possibility of the outcome of the elections being influenced if the election results in some Member States are made public before the close of polling in all Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 153

Rainer Wieland

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Proposes that elections in all Member States end by **21:00** hours CET on the Sunday of the European elections, as this would ensure the correct application of Article 10(2) of the Electoral Act and thus reduce the possibility of the outcome of the elections being influenced if the election results in some Member States are made public before the close of polling in all Member States;

Amendment

5. Proposes that elections in all Member States end by **20:00** hours CET on the Sunday of the European elections, as this would ensure the correct application of Article 10(2) of the Electoral Act and thus reduce the possibility of the outcome of the elections being influenced if the election results in some Member States are made public before the close of polling in all Member States;

Or. de

Amendment 154

Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Proposes that elections in all Member States end by **21:00** hours CET on the Sunday of the European elections, as this would ensure the correct application of Article 10(2) of the Electoral Act and thus reduce the possibility of the outcome of the elections being influenced if the election results in some Member States are made public before the close of polling in all Member States;

Amendment

5. Proposes that elections in all Member States end by **23:00** hours CET on the Sunday of the European elections, as this would ensure the correct application of Article 10(2) of the Electoral Act and thus reduce the possibility of the outcome of the elections being influenced if the election results in some Member States are made public before the close of polling in all Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 155
Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Determines to set a common deadline for the nomination of lead candidates by European political parties 12 weeks in advance of European elections; considers that the process of nomination of lead candidates constitutes an important aspect of electoral campaigns due to the implicit link between the results of European elections and the selection of the Commission President as enshrined in the Treaty of Lisbon; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 156
Gerolf Annemans

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Determines to set a common deadline for the nomination of lead candidates by European political parties 12 weeks in advance of European elections; considers that the process of nomination of lead candidates constitutes an important aspect of electoral campaigns due to the implicit link between the results of European elections and the selection of the Commission President as enshrined in the Treaty of Lisbon; *deleted*

Or. nl

Amendment 157
Rainer Wieland, David McAllister

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Determines to set a common deadline for the nomination of lead candidates by European political parties 12 weeks in advance of European elections; considers that the process of nomination of lead candidates constitutes an important aspect of electoral campaigns due to the implicit link between the results of European elections and the selection of the Commission President as enshrined in the Treaty of Lisbon;

Amendment

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 158
Josep-Maria Terricabras, Ernest Maragall

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Determines to set a common deadline for the nomination of lead candidates by European political parties 12 weeks in advance of European elections; considers that the process of nomination of lead candidates constitutes an important aspect of electoral campaigns due to the implicit link between the results of European elections and the selection of the Commission President as enshrined in the Treaty of Lisbon;

Amendment

6. Suggests that only European political parties and European candidatures that have registered a transnational list for the EU-wide constituency should nominate a candidate for the position of Commission President, and that those candidates should be placed in the first position on the corresponding list;

Or. en

Amendment 159
Pedro Silva Pereira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Determines to set a common deadline for the nomination of lead candidates by European political parties 12 weeks in advance of European elections; considers that the process of nomination of lead candidates constitutes an important aspect of electoral campaigns due to the implicit link between the results of European elections and the selection of the Commission President as enshrined in the Treaty of Lisbon;

Amendment

6. Determines to set a common deadline for the nomination of lead candidates by European political parties 12 weeks in advance of European elections, ***so as to enable their electoral programmes to be presented, political debates between the candidates to be organised and EU-wide electoral campaigns to be mounted***; considers that the process of nomination of lead candidates constitutes an important aspect of electoral campaigns due to the implicit link between the results of European elections and the selection of the Commission President as enshrined in the Treaty of Lisbon;

Or. en

Amendment 160
Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

6a. Determines to set a common deadline of eight weeks for finalisation of the electoral roll and six weeks for information concerning Union citizens with dual nationality and Union citizens living in another Member State to be exchanged with the national single authority in charge of the electoral roll;

Or. en

Amendment 161
Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Deems it essential that political parties at all levels adopt democratic and transparent procedures for the selection of candidates for election to the European Parliament and for election to the office of President of the Commission;

Or. en

Amendment 162
Josep-Maria Terricabras, Ernest Maragall

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Points out the implicit link between the results of European elections and the selection of the Commission President enshrined in the Treaty of Lisbon; proposes, accordingly, that the newly elected Parliament should express, through a vote in plenary, its preference regarding the candidates for the position of Commission President;

Or. en

Amendment 163
Andrej Plenković

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Suggests that the integrity of elections should be bolstered by limiting campaign expenditure to a reasonable amount that allows adequate presentation of political parties, candidates and their election programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 164

Josep-Maria Terricabras, Ernest Maragall

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6b. Proposes that each elector be permitted to cast one vote for the EU-wide list and one additional vote for the national or regional list;

Or. en

Amendment 165

Morten Messerschmidt, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Proposes that Union citizens who reside in a third country be granted the right to cast their vote in elections to the European Parliament; considers that this would finally give all Union citizens the same right to vote in European elections under the same conditions, irrespective of their place of residence or nationality; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 166
Gerolf Annemans

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Proposes that Union citizens who reside in a third country be granted the right to cast their vote in elections to the European Parliament; considers that this would finally give all Union citizens the same right to vote in European elections under the same conditions, irrespective of their place of residence or nationality;

Amendment

deleted

Or. nl

Amendment 167
Esther de Lange, Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Proposes that Union citizens who reside in a third country be granted the right to cast their vote in elections to the European Parliament; considers that this would finally give all Union citizens the same right to vote in European elections under the same conditions, irrespective of their place of residence or nationality;

Amendment

7. Proposes that Union citizens who reside in a third country be granted the right to cast their vote in elections to the European Parliament; considers that this would finally give all Union citizens the same right to vote in European elections under the same conditions, irrespective of their place of residence or nationality; ***calls on Member States, however, to coordinate their administrative systems better in order to prevent voters from voting twice in two different Member States;***

Or. nl

Amendment 168
György Schöpflin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Proposes that Union citizens who reside in a third country be granted the right to cast their vote in elections to the European Parliament; considers that this would finally give all Union citizens the same right to vote in European elections under the same conditions, irrespective of their place of residence or *nationality*;

Amendment

7. Proposes that Union citizens who reside in a third country be granted the right to cast their vote in elections to the European Parliament; considers that this would finally give all Union citizens the same right to vote in European elections under the same conditions, irrespective of their place of residence or *citizenship*;

Or. en

Amendment 169
Barbara Spinelli, Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Calls on Member States to encourage civic participation in their own societies by extending the right to vote to every person regularly residing in the country concerned;

Or. en

Amendment 170
Helmut Scholz, Barbara Spinelli, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Calls on Member States to implement, in the manner of Article 14 of the

Electoral Act a common set of measures ensuring that no citizen of the Union having dual nationality of EU Member States can effectively vote more than once during the elections;

Or. en

Amendment 171
Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. As a future step, recommends to Member States that they should consider ways to harmonise the minimum age of voters at 16, in order to further enhance electoral equality among Union citizens;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 172
Paulo Rangel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. As a future step, recommends to Member States that they should consider ways to harmonise the minimum age of voters at 16, in order to further enhance electoral equality among Union citizens;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 173
Viviane Reding

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. As a future step, recommends to Member States that they should consider ways to harmonise the minimum age of voters at 16, in order to further enhance electoral equality among Union citizens;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 174
Morten Messerschmidt, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. As a future step, recommends to Member States that they should consider ways to harmonise the minimum age of voters at 16, in order to further enhance electoral equality among Union citizens;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 175
Gerolf Annemans

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. As a future step, recommends to Member States that they should consider ways to harmonise the minimum age of voters at 16, in order to further enhance electoral equality among Union citizens;

deleted

Or. nl

Amendment 176
Andrej Plenković

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. As a future step, recommends to Member States that they should consider ways to harmonise the minimum age of voters at 16, in order to further enhance electoral equality among Union citizens;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 177
Rainer Wieland, David McAllister

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. As a future step, recommends to Member States that they should consider ways to harmonise the minimum age of voters at 16, in order to further enhance electoral equality among Union citizens;

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 178
Josep-Maria Terricabras, Ernest Maragall

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. As a future step, recommends to Member States that they should consider ways to harmonise the minimum age of

8. Determines to set the minimum age of voters for elections to the European Parliament at 16, in order to further

voters at 16, in order to further enhance electoral equality among Union citizens;

enhance electoral equality among Union citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 179

Esther de Lange, Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. As a future step, recommends to Member States that they should consider ways to *harmonise* the minimum age of voters *at 16*, in order to further enhance electoral equality among Union citizens;

Amendment

8. As a future step, recommends to Member States that they should consider ways to *encourage convergence of* the minimum age of voters, in order to further enhance electoral equality among Union citizens;

Or. nl

Amendment 180

Claudia Tapardel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. As a future step, recommends to Member States that they should consider ways to harmonise the minimum age of voters at 16, in order to further enhance electoral equality among Union citizens;

Amendment

8. As a future step, recommends to Member States that they should consider ways to harmonise the minimum age of voters at 16, *taking into consideration the constitutional and legal system in each Member State*, in order to further enhance electoral equality among Union citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 181

Viviane Reding

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Recommends to the Member States that they should consider ways to generalise the preferential list system, in order to increase accountability and democratic legitimacy;

Or. en

Amendment 182
Andrej Plenković

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Proposes that the minimum age for possession of rights to vote or being elected in European elections be harmonised, in order to further enhance electoral equality among Union citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 183
Arne Gericke

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Urges Member States to consider introducing a family-based electoral system in accordance with the ideas of Paul Demeny ('Demeny voting'), and welcomes the serious discussion of this issue which is taking place in many Member States;

Amendment 184
Viviane Reding

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8b. Recommends to the Member States that they should consider ways to extend compulsory voting for elections to the European Parliament, in order to increase turnout and thereby strengthen democratic legitimacy;

Or. en

Amendment 185
Rainer Wieland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Encourages Member States to use postal electronic and internet voting in order to make voting easier for people with reduced mobility and for those living abroad;

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 186
Gerolf Annemans

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Encourages Member States to use postal electronic and internet voting in order to make voting easier for people with reduced mobility and for those living abroad;

deleted

Or. nl

Amendment 187

Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Encourages Member States to use postal electronic and internet voting in order to make voting easier for people with reduced mobility **and for those living abroad;**

9. Encourages Member States to use postal electronic and internet voting in order to make voting easier for people with reduced mobility;

Or. pl

Amendment 188

Max Andersson

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Encourages Member States to use postal **electronic and internet** voting in order to make voting easier for people with reduced mobility and for those living abroad;

9. Encourages Member States to use postal voting in order to make voting easier for people with reduced mobility and for those living abroad;

Or. en

Amendment 189

György Schöpflin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Encourages Member States to use postal electronic and internet voting in order to make voting easier for people with reduced mobility and for those living **abroad**;

Amendment

9. Encourages Member States to use postal electronic and internet voting in order to make voting easier for people with reduced mobility and for those living ***in an EU Member State of which they are not a citizen or in a third country***;

Or. en

Amendment 190
Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Encourages Member States to use postal electronic and internet voting in order to make voting easier for people with reduced mobility and for those living abroad;

Amendment

9. Encourages Member States to use postal electronic and internet voting in order to ***increase the participation of, and to*** make voting easier ***for, all citizens, and especially*** for people with reduced mobility and for those living abroad;

Or. en

Amendment 191
Claudia Tapardel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Encourages Member States to use postal electronic and internet voting in order to make voting easier for people with reduced mobility and for those living abroad;

Amendment

9. Encourages Member States to use postal electronic and internet voting in order to make voting easier for people with reduced mobility and for those living abroad, ***provided that necessary measures are***

taken to prevent any possible fraud in the use of voting by those means;

Or. en

Amendment 192

Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Enrique Guerrero Salom

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Encourages Member States to use postal electronic and internet voting in order to make voting easier for people with reduced mobility and for those living abroad;

Amendment

9. Encourages Member States to use postal electronic and internet voting in order to make voting easier for people with reduced mobility and for those living abroad, ***and calls for the introduction of digital citizenship;***

Or. es

Amendment 193

Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Encourages the Member States to facilitate the spontaneous identification by their citizens of the Members of the European Parliament representing them, and thereby their ability democratically to monitor the actions of those Members, by opting either for a single European constituency or otherwise for a drawing of constituency boundaries which truly corresponds to human, historical, geographical and economic reality;

Or. en

Amendment 194
Max Andersson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Recommends to Member States that they be very careful about using internet voting, and proposes that, should a Member State wish to conduct a European election using an internet voting system, that system must be organised in such a way as to ensure not only that the secrecy of the vote is maintained but also that the accuracy of the result can be independently verified;

Or. en

Amendment 195
Gerolf Annemans

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Calls on the institutions involved to review the Framework Agreement on relations between the European Parliament and the European Commission, with a view to adapting the rules on Commissioners seeking elections to the European Parliament, in order not to impede the institutional efficiency of the Commission in times of elections, while avoiding the misuse of institutional resources;

deleted

Or. nl

Amendment 196
Paulo Rangel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Determines to give Parliament the right to fix the electoral period for elections to the European Parliament after consulting the Council;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 197
Gerolf Annemans

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Determines to give Parliament the right to fix the electoral period for elections to the European Parliament after consulting the Council;

deleted

Or. nl

Amendment 198
Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Determines to give Parliament the right to fix the electoral period for elections to the European Parliament after consulting the Council;

deleted

Or. pl

Amendment 199
Rainer Wieland, David McAllister

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Determines to give Parliament the right to fix the electoral period for elections to the European Parliament after consulting the Council;

Amendment

11. Determines to give Parliament the right to fix the electoral period for elections to the European Parliament after consulting the Council, **and proposes that this period should always end on the second Sunday in May;**

Or. de

Amendment 200
Rainer Wieland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Proposes that the current system for allocating seats in the European Parliament should be reviewed with the aim of devising a reliable method of calculating the number of seats to which each Member State is entitled;

Or. de

Amendment 201
Andrej Plenković

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Encourages Member States to adopt adequate legal frameworks that ensure the highest standards of informative, fair and objective media coverage during the

election campaigns, particularly from public service broadcasters; considers this crucial in order to allow European citizens to make an informed choice about competing political programmes; recognises the significance of self-regulatory instruments such as codes of conduct in achieving this goal;

Or. en

Amendment 202
Max Andersson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Submits that Members of the European Parliament should have the possibility of securing the appointment of a temporary substitute to take over their rights and duties in the event that they are appointed to a position in a national government, take parental leave or take long-term leave of absence for reasons of health;

Or. en

Amendment 203
Gerolf Annemans

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Encourages Member States to take measures to promote gender balance in every aspect of European elections;

deleted

Or. nl

Amendment 204
Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. *Encourages Member States to take measures to promote gender balance in every aspect of European elections;*

Amendment

deleted

Or. pl

Amendment 205
Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Encourages Member States to take measures *to promote* gender *balance* in every aspect of European elections;

Amendment

12. Encourages Member States to take measures, *such as the imposition of rules ensuring* gender *equality*, in every aspect of European elections;

Or. en

Amendment 206
Helmut Scholz, Barbara Spinelli, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. *Encourages* Member States to take measures to *promote* gender *balance* in every aspect of European elections;

Amendment

12. *Highlights the importance of an increased presence of women in political decision-making; consequently, calls on* Member States to take measures to *grant more* gender *parity* in every aspect of European elections;

Amendment 207

Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Enrique Guerrero Salom

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. *Encourages* Member States to take measures to *promote* gender balance in every aspect of European elections;

Amendment

12. *Calls on* Member States *and the European institutions* to take measures to *foster gender-equal democracy in the EU by promoting* gender balance in every aspect of European elections;

Or. es

Amendment 208

Josep-Maria Terricabras, Ernest Maragall

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Encourages Member States to take measures to promote *gender balance* in every aspect of European elections;

Amendment

12. Encourages Member States to take measures to promote *the better representation of women and ethnic, linguistic and other minorities* in every aspect of European elections; *with a view to achieving an equal representation of men and women in terms of distribution of seats, proposes that, in the case of constituencies using the list system, the gap between the number of female and male candidates in each list should not be greater than one and that each list should alternate candidates by gender in every position on the list;*

Or. en

Amendment 209
Claudia Tapardel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Encourages Member States to take measures to promote gender balance in every aspect of European elections;

Amendment

12. Encourages Member States to take ***all*** measures to promote gender balance in every aspect of European elections, ***particularly in the nomination of Commissioners; calls on Member States to present at least two candidates for the post of Commissioner, with one candidate being female;***

Or. en

Amendment 210
Iratxe García Pérez

on behalf of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality
Constance Le Grip

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Encourages Member States to take measures to promote gender balance in every aspect of European elections;

Amendment

12. Encourages Member States to take measures to promote gender balance in every aspect of European elections, ***especially with a view to achieving, where appropriate, a minimum level of 40% of the less represented sex in terms of distribution of seats in each Member State;***

Or. en

Amendment 211
Iratxe García Pérez

on behalf of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality
Maria Arena

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Calls on the Commission to create incentives for Member States to create a more balanced representation of women and men in the European Parliament, and emphasises in this connection the importance of gender-balanced electoral lists headed alternately by a man and a woman; highlights the importance of quotas for increasing the presence of women in political decision-making;

Or. en

Amendment 212
Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Enrique Guerrero Salom

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Calls on the Member States and the European institutions to take steps to ensure that members of minorities have seats in all representative bodies;

Or. es

Amendment 213
Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Deems it desirable to establish an European Electoral Authority that could be tasked with centralising information on the elections for the European Parliament, overseeing their conduct of

elections and facilitating the exchange of information between Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 214
Josep-Maria Terricabras, Ernest Maragall

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Determines that the office of Member of the European Parliament should also be incompatible with that of member of a regional parliament or assembly vested with legislative powers;

Or. en

Amendment 215
Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Calls for the standards intended to ensure free and unfettered competition between political parties to be tightened up and, in particular, for media pluralism and the neutrality of all levels of public administration with regard to the electoral process to be enhanced;

Or. pl

Amendment 216
Helmut Scholz, Barbara Spinelli, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Encourages Member States to promote a further development of European electoral law by opening ways to decouple the right to vote from citizenship of the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 217
Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12b. Recalls that, despite recommendations by the Commission, Member States have repeatedly failed to agree on a common voting day; encourages Member States to work towards finding an agreement on this issue;

Or. en

Amendment 218
Gerolf Annemans

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Submits to the Council the annexed proposal for amendment of the Act concerning the election of the Members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage;

deleted

Or. nl