

## REPORT

on the composition of the European Parliament with a view to the 2014 elections
(2012/2309(INI))

Committee on Constitutional Affairs

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## MOTION FOR A EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT RESOLUTION

on the composition of the European Parliament with a view to the 2014 elections (2012/2309(INI))

## The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 14(2) of the Treaty on European Union (TEU),
- having regard to Protocol No 36 on transitional provisions,
- having regard to the Treaty concerning the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union,
- having regard to Rules 41, 48 and 74f of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to its resolution of 11 October 2007 on the composition of the European Parliament ${ }^{1}$,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs (A7-0041/2013),
A. whereas Article 2(1) and (2) of Protocol No 36 will expire at the end of the 2009-2014 parliamentary term,
B. whereas the Republic of Croatia is expected to accede to the Union before the elections to the European Parliament that are due to be held in the spring of 2014, and whereas Article 19(1) of the Act concerning the conditions of accession of the Republic of Croatia and the adjustments to the Treaty on European Union, the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community will expire at the end of the 2009-2014 parliamentary term,
C. whereas the demographic changes that have occurred since the last elections to the European Parliament should be taken into consideration,
D. whereas the establishment of a durable system for the apportionment of seats in the European Parliament should be considered in conjunction with a revision of the voting system in the Council as part of an overall reform of the Union institutions to be defined in a Convention, convened pursuant to Article 48(3) TEU, and whereas such reform should recognise that, according to the Treaties, the basis for Union democracy is the representation of both citizens and Member States;
E. whereas the apportionment of seats for the next parliamentary term should not be arbitrary but should instead be based on objective criteria to be applied in a pragmatic manner and whereas such apportionment should compensate gains in the number of seats with losses in such as way that losses are limited to a maximum of one seat per Member State;

1. Submits to the European Council the annexed proposal for a decision of the European
[^0]Council establishing the composition of the European Parliament for the 2014-2019 parliamentary term, on the basis of its right of initiative laid down in Article 14(2) TEU;
2. Underlines the urgent need to adopt that decision, which requires its consent, as soon as the Treaty concerning the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union enters into force, so that the Member States can enact, in good time, the necessary domestic provisions for organising the elections to the European Parliament for the 20142019 parliamentary term;
3. Commits itself to submit shortly a proposal aimed at improving the practical arrangements for the holding of the elections in 2014;
4. Undertakes to submit, before the end of 2015, a new proposal for a decision of the European Council with the aim of establishing, sufficiently far in advance of the beginning of the 2019-2024 parliamentary term, a durable and transparent system which, in future, before each election to the European Parliament, will allow seats to be apportioned amongst the Member States in an objective manner, based on the principle of degressive proportionality as set forth in Article 1 of the annexed proposal for a decision, taking account of any increase in their number and demographic trends in their population, as duly ascertained, and without excluding the possibility of reserving a number of seats to members elected on transnational lists;
5. Observes that the new system for apportioning seats in the European Parliament should be established in conjunction with a review of the voting system in the Council as part of the necessary revision of the Treaties; determines to make proposals to this end at the next Convention to be convened pursuant to Article 48(3) TEU;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the proposal for a decision of the European Council annexed hereto, together with the aforementioned report of its Committee on Constitutional Affairs, to the European Council and to the government and parliament of the Republic of Croatia, and, for information, to the Commission and to the governments and parliaments of the Member States.

## ANNEX TO THE MOTION FOR A EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT RESOLUTION

Proposal for a decision of the European Council establishing the composition of the European Parliament

## THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 14(2) thereof, Having regard to Article 2(3) of Protocol No 36 on transitional provisions,

Having regard to the initiative of the European Parliament,
Having regard to the consent of the European Parliament,
Whereas:
(1) The Article 2(1) and (2) of Protocol No 36 on transitional provisions will expire at the end of the 2009-2014 parliamentary term.
(2) The Article 19(1) of the Act concerning the conditions of accession of the Republic of Croatia and the adjustments to the Treaty on European Union (TEU), the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community will expire at the end of the 2009-2014 parliamentary term.
(3) It is necessary to comply without delay with the provisions of Article 2(3) of Protocol No 36 and therefore to adopt the decision provided for in the second subparagraph of Article 14(2) of the Treaty on European Union, in order to enable Member States to adopt in good time the necessary domestic measures for the holding of the elections to the European Parliament for the 2014-2019 parliamentary term.
(4) This Decision complies with the criteria laid down in the first subparagraph of Article 14(2) of the Treaty on European Union, namely that representatives of the Union's citizens are not to exceed seven hundred and fifty in number, plus the President, that representation is to be degressively proportional, with a minimum threshold of six members per Member State and that no Member State is to be allocated more than ninetysix seats,

## HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

## Article 1

In the application of the principle of degressive proportionality provided for in the first subparagraph of Article 14(2) TEU, the following principles shall apply:

- the allocation of seats in the European Parliament shall fully utilise the minimum and maximum numbers set by the Treaty in order to reflect as closely as possible the sizes of the respective populations of Member States;
- the ratio between the population and the number of seats of each Member State before rounding to whole numbers shall vary in relation to their respective populations in such a way that each Member of the European Parliament from a more populous Member State represents more citizens than each Member from a less populous Member State and, conversely, that the larger the population of a Member State, the greater its entitlement to a large number of seats;


## Article 2

The total population of the Member States shall be calculated by the Commission (Eurostat) on the basis of data provided by the Member States, in accordance with a method established by means of a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

## Article 3

Pursuant to Article 1, the number of representatives in the European Parliament elected in each Member State is hereby set as follows, with effect from the beginning of the 2014-2019 parliamentary term:

## Belgium <br> 21

Bulgaria ..... 17
Czech Republic ..... 21
Denmark ..... 13
Germany ..... 96
Estonia ..... 6
Ireland ..... 11
Greece ..... 21
Spain ..... 54
France ..... 74
Croatia ..... 11
Italy ..... 73
Cyprus ..... 6
Latvia ..... 8
Lithuania ..... 11
Luxembourg ..... 6
Hungary ..... 21
Malta ..... 6
Netherlands ..... 26
Austria ..... 18
Poland ..... 51
Portugal ..... 21
Romania ..... 32
Slovenia ..... 8
Slovakia ..... 13
Finland ..... 13
Sweden ..... 20
United Kingdom ..... 73

## Article 4

This Decision shall be revised sufficiently far in advance of the beginning of the 2019-2024 parliamentary term with the aim of establishing a system which in future will make it possible, before each fresh election to the European Parliament, to allocate the seats between Member States in an objective, fair, durable and transparent way, based on the principle of degressive proportionality set forth in Article 1, taking account of any change in their number and in demographic trends in their populations, as duly ascertained, as well as of the voting system in the Council.

## Article 5

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Done at ...
For the European Council
The President

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

When the next parliamentary term starts in 2014, the current derogation from Article 14(2) of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) will expire and the European Parliament will be composed of 751 Members ( 750 , plus the President). The current number of seats is 754: 736, for Members elected in accordance with the Nice Treaty, which was in force at the time of the 2009 elections, plus 18 for Members appointed under the Lisbon Treaty through an amendment to Article 2 of Protocol No 36 on transitional provisions, which established a temporary derogation from Article 14(2) TEU (which specifies that no Member State may be allocated more than 96 seats) to allow the maintenance until 2014 of the 99 seats assigned to Germany under the Nice Treaty.

When its accession treaty enters into force, Croatia will be assigned 12 seats in Parliament (it currently has 12 observers) under Article 19(1) of the Act of Accession, which also amends Article 2 of Protocol No 36, resulting in a temporary increase in the total number of seats to 766.

As a result, the total number of seats will need to be reduced by 15 in order to bring it into line with the number laid down by the Treaty provisions (751). Three out of the 15 will necessarily be taken away from Germany's quota, which will drop from 99 to the 96 Treaty threshold. The other 12 will need to be found by taking one or more seats from up to 12 of the 24 Member States (including Croatia) which have more than the minimum Treaty threshold of 6 seats (the Member States with 6 seats are currently Malta, Luxembourg, Cyprus and Estonia). The decision establishing the composition of the new Parliament may also need to provide for a broader redistribution of seats to take into account any changes in the populations of Member States and/or to improve the interpretation and implementation of the Treaty principle of degressive proportionality.

Under Article 14(2) TEU, the composition of the new Parliament must be established by a European Council decision adopted by unanimity on the initiative of the European Parliament and with its consent. Parliament is thus responsible for submitting a proposal to the European Council.

The proposal submitted by your rapporteurs is based on the following considerations.
Article 14(2) TEU states that representation of citizens in the EP must be degressively proportional. According to the Lamassoure-Severin report, degressive proportionality means the following: (1) the minimum and maximum numbers set by the Treaty 'must be fully utilised to ensure that the allocation of seats in the European Parliament reflects as closely as possible the range of populations of the Member States'; (2) 'the larger the population of a country, the greater its entitlement to a large number of seats'; and (3) 'the larger the population of a country, the more inhabitants are represented by each of its Members of the European Parliament'. This definition lays down a general principle and not a mathematical criterion. It cannot be fully respected as far as its second principle is concerned (which, taken literally, would prevent two Member States with different populations from having the same number of seats). However, it can be implemented in different ways and does not lead to one single result. In any case, the current seat allocation arrangements for some Member States
are not in keeping with the third principle, as can be seen in Table 1 of Annex I. Our first criterion will therefore be to respect degressive proportionality as far as possible. But which of the different ways of doing so should be chosen?

Previous reallocations stretched to the limit the degressivity of the seat distribution, considerably increasing the population/seats ratio for larger Member States compared with medium-sized ones (see Annex II), and pointing to the need to redress the balance. Moreover, the first principle of the Lamassoure-Severin report (to make full use of the limits set by the Treaty) makes it impossible to further reduce the number of seats allocated to Germany below the 96 threshold, which would be politically counterproductive for the whole European Parliament, given the German Constitutional Court's well-known critical view of degressive proportionality. This automatically rules out any reduction in the number of seats for large Member States, and would, on the contrary, logically lead to an increase, at least for some of them.

In the last Convention, Parliament put forward the 'fix-prop' method, recently developed under the name 'Cambridge compromise': six seats would be allocated to all the Member States, and the others would be distributed on a proportionality basis (see Annex I, Table 4). As the most 'proportional' mechanism respecting degressive proportionality, the fix-prop method would considerably reduce criticism from the German Constitutional Court (especially if combined with a Treaty revision abolishing the upper limit of 96). However, its implementation would trigger a traumatic reallocation of seats, with heavy losses for mediumsized and small Member States and huge increases for larger ones. Furthermore, failure to abolish the 96 upper limit would discriminate against Germany among the large Member States, introducing a steep rise in the population/seats ratio between France and Germany.

Among the various possible mathematical formulae for implementing the principle of degressive proportionality ${ }^{1}$, the 'parabolic' method is one of the most degressive (see Annex I, Table 3). It could, in the longer term, be used as a benchmark in the absence of a treaty change, but the redistribution which this model entails would be too drastic to be politically sustainable in a single step.

Your rapporteurs therefore propose a pragmatic solution, based on a different criterion, namely to minimise the loss of seats by Member States, while at the same time respecting degressive proportionality as far as possible, in accordance with the principle that 'nobody gains and nobody loses more than one' (see Annex I, Table 1). This pragmatic solution can be achieved through a two-step approach. The first step (see Annex I, Table 2) is a reallocation fully in line with the three principles of degressive proportionality and, at the same time, involving as little change as possible in the number of seats. It would result in a loss of seats for 13 Member States, with two losing 3 seats (Hungary and Lithuania), six losing 2 (Romania, Greece, Belgium, Portugal, Czech Republic, Latvia) and five losing 1 (Sweden, Bulgaria, Ireland, Croatia, Slovenia). On the other hand, France would gain 4 seats, the United Kingdom and Spain 3, and Italy 1. The second step consists in the political compensation between the gains ( 11 seats) and the losses of more than one seat ( 10 seats). The additional saved seat would be allocated to Slovenia (which would thus keep its 8 seats) as the smallest country among the losers in step one. The result is the 'minimisation of losses'

[^1]mentioned above, with just twelve Member States losing 1 each and no Member State increasing its number of seats. Of course, this 'gain waiver' means that the third principle of degressive proportionality would not fully be respected, but the outcome is based on a clear political logic. Furthermore, this solution is far closer to complying with the degressive proportionality rule than any other based on the model 'no gains and no losses of more than 1 ' (e.g. by cutting 12 seats, one from each of the 'gainers' of the last reapportionment).

Your rapporteurs believe that, in the present circumstances and on the basis of the current decision-making procedure in this field, the proposed solution is the most likely to obtain a majority within Parliament and unanimity in the Council while respecting degressive proportionality as far as possible.

A new attempt to achieve a more permanent system, based on objective criteria acceptable to all stakeholders, could be launched in the form of a new Parliament initiative well in good time for the following elections in 2019. In conjunction with this, a more appropriate method for calculating the size of each Member State's electorate could also be set out in a specific regulation to be adopted under the ordinary legislative procedure.

## Annexes:

I. Tables describing the effects of the different methods of calculation
II. Historical background

## ANNEX I

## TABLE 1: PRAGMATIC SOLUTION

| Member States | Population** | Seats <br> (current <br> allocation) | Ratio <br> pop./seats | Seats <br> (new <br> allocation) | Difference | Ratio <br> pop./seats <br> (new <br> allocation) |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Germany | 81843743 | 99 | 826704 | 96 | minus 3 | 852539 |
| France | 65397912 | 74 | 883756 | 74 |  | 883756 |
| United Kingdom | 62989550 | 73 | 862871 | 73 |  | 862871 |
| Italy | 60820764 | 73 | 833161 | 73 |  | 833161 |
| Spain | 46196276 | 54 | 855487 | 54 |  | 855487 |
| Poland | 38538447 | 51 | 755656 | 51 |  | 755656 |
| Romania | 21355849 | 33 | 647147 | 32 | minus 1 | 667370 |
| Netherlands | 16730348 | 26 | 643475 | 26 |  | 643475 |
| Greece | 11290935 | 22 | 513224 | 21 | minus 1 | 537664 |
| Belgium | 11041266 | 22 | 501876 | 21 | minus 1 | 525775 |
| Portugal | 10541840 | 22 | 479175 | 21 | minus 1 | 501992 |
| Czech Republic | 10505445 | 22 | 477520 | 21 | minus 1 | 500259 |
| Hungary | 9957731 | 22 | 452624 | 21 | minus 1 | 474178 |


| Sweden | 9482855 | 20 | 474143 | 19 | minus 1 | 499098 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Austria | 8443018 | 19 | 444369 | 19 |  | 444369 |
| Bulgaria | 7327224 | 18 | 407068 | 17 | minus 1 | 431013 |
| Denmark | 5580516 | 13 | 429270 | 13 |  | 429270 |
| Slovakia | 5404322 | 13 | 415717 | 13 |  | 415717 |
| Finland | 5401267 | 13 | 415482 | 13 |  | 415482 |
| Ireland | 4582769 | 12 | 381897 | 11 | minus 1 | 416615 |
| Croatia | 4398150 | 12 | 366513 | 11 | minus 1 | 399832 |
| Lithuania | 3007758 | 12 | 250647 | 11 | minus 1 | 273433 |
| Slovenia | 2055496 | 8 | 256937 | 8 |  | 256937 |
| Latvia | 2041763 | 9 | 226863 | 8 | minus 1 | 255220 |
| Estonia | 1339662 | 6 | 223277 | 6 |  | 223277 |
| Cyprus | 862011 | 6 | 143669 | 6 |  | 143669 |
| Luxembourg | 524853 | 6 | 87476 | 6 |  | 87476 |
| Malta | 416110 | 6 | 69352 | 6 |  | 69352 |
| TOTAL |  | 766 |  | 751 |  |  |

* as of 1 January 2012

TABLE 2 : PRAGMATIC SOLUTION - the two steps

| Member States | Population* | Seats <br> (step 1) | Difference | Ratio <br> pop./seats <br> (step 1) | Seats <br> (step 2) | Difference <br> Ratio <br> pop./seats <br> (step 2) |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Germany | 81843743 | 96 | minus 3 | 852539 | 96 | minus 3 | 852539 |
| France | 65397912 | 78 | plus 4 | 838435 | 74 |  | 883756 |
| United Kingdom | 62989550 | 76 | plus 3 | 828810 | 73 |  | 862871 |
| Italy | 60820764 | 74 | plus 1 | 821902 | 73 |  | 833161 |
| Spain | 46196276 | 57 | plus 3 | 810461 | 54 |  | 855487 |
| Poland | 38538447 | 51 |  | 755656 | 51 |  | 755656 |
| Romania | 21355849 | 31 | minus 2 | 688898 | 32 | minus 1 | 667370 |
| Netherlands | 16730348 | 26 |  | 643475 | 26 |  | 643475 |
| Greece | 11290935 | 20 | minus 2 | 564547 | 21 | minus 1 | 537664 |
| Belgium | 11041266 | 20 | minus 2 | 552063 | 21 | minus 1 | 525775 |
| Portugal | 10541840 | 20 | minus 2 | 527092 | 21 | minus 1 | 501992 |
| Czech Republic | 10505445 | 20 | minus 2 | 525272 | 21 | minus 1 | 500259 |
| Hungary | 9957731 | 19 | minus 3 | 524091 | 21 | minus 1 | 474178 |
| Sweden | 9482855 | 19 | minus 1 | 499098 | 19 | minus 1 | 499098 |
| Austria | 8443018 | 19 |  | 444369 | 19 |  | 444369 |
| Bulgaria | 7327224 | 17 | minus 1 | 431013 | 17 | minus 1 | 431013 |
| Denmark | 5580516 | 13 |  | 429270 | 13 |  | 429270 |


| Slovakia | 5404322 | 13 |  | 415717 | 13 |  | 415717 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Finland | 5401267 | 13 |  | 415482 | 13 |  | 415482 |
| Ireland | 4582769 | 11 | minus 1 | 416615 | 11 | minus 1 | 416615 |
| Croatia | 4398150 | 11 | minus 1 | 399832 | 11 | minus 1 | 399832 |
| Lithuania | 3007758 | 9 | minus 3 | 334195 | 11 | minus 1 | 273433 |
| Slovenia | 2055496 | 7 | minus 1 | 293642 | 8 |  | 256937 |
| Latvia | 2041763 | 7 | minus 2 | 291680 | 8 | minus 1 | 255220 |
| Estonia | 1339662 | 6 |  | 223277 | 6 |  | 223277 |
| Cyprus | 862011 | 6 |  | 143669 | 6 |  | 143669 |
| Luxembourg | 524853 | 6 |  | 87476 | 6 |  | 87476 |
| Malta | 416110 | 6 |  | 69352 | 6 |  | 69352 |
| TOTAL |  | 751 |  |  | 751 |  |  |

* as of 1 January 2012


## TABLE 3: PARABOLIC FORMULA

| Member States | Population* | Seats | Difference | Ratio <br> population/seats |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Germany | 81843743 | 96 | minus 3 | 852539 |
| France | 65397912 | 80 | plus 6 | 817474 |
| United Kingdom | 62989550 | 78 | plus 5 | 807558 |
| Italy | 60820764 | 75 | plus 2 | 810944 |
| Spain | 46196276 | 60 | plus 6 | 769938 |
| Poland | 38538447 | 51 |  | 755656 |
| Romania | 21355849 | 32 | minus 1 | 667370 |
| Netherlands | 16730348 | 26 |  | 643475 |
| Greece | 11290935 | 20 | minus 2 | 564547 |
| Belgium | 11041266 | 19 | minus 3 | 581119 |
| Portugal | 10541840 | 19 | minus 3 | 554834 |
| Czech Republic | 10505445 | 19 | minus 3 | 552918 |
| Hungary | 9957731 | 18 | minus 4 | 553207 |
| Sweden | 9482855 | 17 | minus 3 | 557815 |
| Austria | 8443018 | 16 | minus 3 | 527689 |
| Bulgaria | 7327224 | 15 | minus 3 | 488482 |
| Denmark | 5580516 | 13 |  | 429270 |
| Slovakia | 5404322 | 12 | minus 1 | 450360 |


| Finland | 5401267 | 12 | minus 1 | 450106 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Ireland | 4582769 | 11 | minus 1 | 416615 |
| Croatia | 4398150 | 11 | minus 1 | 399832 |
| Lithuania | 3007758 | 9 | minus 3 | 334195 |
| Slovenia | 2055496 | 8 |  | 256937 |
| Latvia | 2041763 | 8 | minus 1 | 255220 |
| Estonia | 1339662 | 7 | plus 1 | 191380 |
| Cyprus | 862011 | 7 | plus 1 | 123144 |
| Luxembourg | 524853 | 6 |  | 87476 |
| Malta | 416110 | 6 |  | 69352 |
| TOTAL |  | 751 |  |  |

* as of 1 January 2012

TABLE 4: FIX-PROP - CAMBRIDGE COMPROMISE

| Member States | Population* | Seats | Difference | Ratio population/seats |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Germany | 81751602 | 96 | minus 3 | 851579 |
| France | 65048412 | 83 | plus 9 | 783716 |
| United Kingdom | 62435709 | 80 | plus 7 | 780446 |
| Italy | 60626442 | 78 | plus 5 | 777262 |
| Spain | 46152926 | 61 | plus 7 | 756605 |
| Poland | 38200037 | 51 |  | 749020 |
| Romania | 21413815 | 31 | minus 2 | 690768 |
| Netherlands | 16655799 | 25 | minus 1 | 666232 |
| Greece | 11309885 | 19 | minus 3 | 595257 |
| Belgium | 10951665 | 18 | minus 4 | 608426 |
| Portugal | 10636979 | 18 | minus 4 | 590943 |
| Czech Republic | 10532770 | 18 | minus 4 | 585154 |
| Hungary | 9985722 | 17 | minus 5 | 587395 |
| Sweden | 9415570 | 17 | minus 3 | 553857 |
| Austria | 8404252 | 16 | minus 3 | 525266 |
| Bulgaria | 7504868 | 15 | minus 3 | 500325 |
| Denmark | 5560628 | 12 | minus 1 | 463386 |
| Slovakia | 5435273 | 12 | minus 1 | 452939 |
| Finland | 5375276 | 12 | minus 1 | 447940 |
| Ireland | 4480858 | 11 | minus 1 | 407351 |
| Croatia | 4412137 | 11 | minus 1 | 401103 |
| Lithuania | 3244601 | 9 | minus 3 | 360511 |
| Slovenia | 2229641 | 8 | minus 1 | 278705 |
| Latvia | 2050189 | 8 |  | 256274 |
| Estonia | 1340194 | 7 | plus 1 | 191456 |
| Cyprus | 804435 | 6 |  | 134073 |
| Luxembourg | 511840 | 6 |  | 85307 |
| Malta | 417617 | 6 |  | 69603 |
| TOTAL |  | 751 |  |  |

*calculation based on 2011 population data

## ANNEX II

TABLE 1: 1979

| Member States | Population | Seats | Ratio population/seats |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Germany | 61.321 .663 | 81 | 757058 |
| France | 53.481 .073 | 81 | 660260 |
| United Kingdom | 56.209 .039 | 81 | 693939 |
| Italy | 56.247 .017 | 81 | 694408 |
| Netherlands | 13.985 .526 | 25 | 559421 |
| Belgium | 9.841 .654 | 24 | 410069 |
| Denmark | 5.111 .537 | 16 | 319471 |
| Ireland | 3.354 .700 | 15 | 223647 |
| Luxembourg | 362.261 | 6 | 60377 |
| TOTAL |  | 410 |  |

TABLE 2: 1986

| Member States | Population | Seats | Ratio population/seats |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Germany | 61.020 .474 | 81 | 753339 |
| France | 55.411 .238 | 81 | 684089 |
| United Kingdom | 56.618 .895 | 81 | 698999 |
| Italy | 56.597 .823 | 81 | 698739 |
| Spain | 38.484 .642 | 60 | 641411 |
| Netherlands | 14.529 .430 | 25 | 581177 |
| Portugal | 10.030 .621 | 24 | 417943 |
| Greece | 9.949 .100 | 24 | 414546 |
| Belgium | 9.858 .895 | 24 | 410787 |
| Denmark | 5.116 .273 | 16 | 319767 |
| Ireland | 3.534 .117 | 15 | 235608 |
| Luxembourg | 367.210 | 6 | 61202 |
| TOTAL |  | 518 |  |

TABLE 3: 1995

| Member States | Population | Seats | Ratio population/seats |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Germany | 81538603 | 99 | 823622 |
| France | 59315139 | 87 | 681783 |
| United Kingdom | 57943472 | 87 | 666017 |
| Italy | 56844408 | 87 | 653384 |
| Spain | 39343100 | 64 | 614736 |
| Netherlands | 15424122 | 31 | 497552 |
| Greece | 10595074 | 25 | 423803 |
| Belgium | 10130574 | 25 | 405223 |
| Portugal | 10017571 | 25 | 400703 |
| Sweden | 8816381 | 22 | 400745 |
| Austria | 7943489 | 21 | 378261 |
| Denmark | 5215718 | 16 | 325982 |
| Finland | 5098754 | 16 | 318672 |
| Ireland | 3597617 | 15 | 239841 |
| Luxembourg | 405650 |  | 67608 |
| TOTAL |  | 626 |  |

TABLE 4: 2004

| Member States | Population | Seats | Ratio population/seats |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Germany | 81751602 | 99 | 825774 |
| France | 65048412 | 78 | 833954 |
| United Kingdom | 62435709 | 78 | 800458 |
| Italy | 60626442 | 78 | 777262 |
| Spain | 46152926 | 54 | 854684 |
| Poland | 38200037 | 54 | 707408 |
| Netherlands | 16655799 | 27 | 616881 |
| Greece | 11309885 | 24 | 471245 |
| Belgium | 10951665 | 24 | 456319 |
| Portugal | 10636979 | 24 | 443207 |
| Czech Republic | 10532770 | 24 | 438865 |
| Hungary | 9985722 | 24 | 416072 |
| Sweden | 9415570 | 19 | 495556 |
| Austria | 8404252 | 18 | 466903 |
| Denmark | 5560628 | 14 | 397188 |
| Slovakia | 5435273 | 14 | 388234 |
| Finland | 5375276 | 14 | 383948 |
| Ireland | 4480858 | 13 | 344681 |
| Lithuania | 3244601 | 13 | 249585 |
| Latvia | 2229641 | 9 | 247738 |
| Slovenia | 2050189 | 7 | 292884 |
| Estonia | 1340194 | 6 | 223366 |
| Cyprus | 804435 | 6 | 134073 |
| Luxembourg | 511840 | 6 | 85307 |
| Malta | 417617 | 5 | 83523 |
| TOTAL |  | 732 |  |

TABLE 5: 2009

| Member States | Population | Seats | Ratio population/seats |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Germany | 82002356 | 99 | 828307 |
| France | 64350226 | 72 | 893753 |
| United Kingdom | 60045068 | 72 | 833959 |
| Italy | 61595091 | 72 | 855487 |
| Spain | 45828172 | 50 | 916563 |
| Poland | 38135876 | 50 | 762718 |
| Romania | 21498616 | 33 | 651473 |
| Netherlands | 16485787 | 25 | 659431 |
| Greece | 10753080 | 22 | 488776 |
| Belgium | 11260402 | 22 | 511836 |
| Portugal | 10627250 | 22 | 483057 |
| Czech Republic | 10467542 | 22 | 475797 |
| Hungary | 10030975 | 22 | 455953 |
| Sweden | 9256347 | 18 | 514242 |
| Austria | 8355260 | 17 | 491486 |
| Bulgaria | 7606551 | 17 | 447444 |
| Denmark | 5511451 | 13 | 423958 |
| Slovakia | 5326314 | 13 | 409716 |
| Finland | 5412254 | 13 | 416327 |
| Ireland | 4450030 | 12 | 370836 |
| Lithuania | 3349872 | 12 | 279156 |
| Latvia | 2261294 | 8 | 282662 |
| Slovenia | 2032362 | 7 | 290337 |
| Estonia | 493500 | 6 | 82250 |
| Cyprus | 1340415 | 6 | 223403 |
| Luxembourg | 796875 | 6 | 132813 |
| Malta | 413609 | 5 | 82722 |
| TOTAL |  | 736 |  |

TABLE 6: 2009 + 18 EXTRA MEPs

| Member States | Population | Seats | Difference | Ratio population/seats |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Germany | 82002356 | 99 |  | 828307 |
| France | 64350226 | 74 | plus 2 | 869598 |
| United Kingdom | 60045068 | 73 | plus 1 | 822535 |
| Italy | 61595091 | 73 | plus 1 | 843768 |
| Spain | 45828172 | 54 | plus 4 | 848670 |
| Poland | 38135876 | 51 | plus 1 | 747762 |
| Romania | 21498616 | 33 |  | 651473 |
| Netherlands | 16485787 | 26 |  | 634069 |
| Greece | 10753080 | 22 | plus 1 | 488776 |
| Belgium | 11260402 | 22 |  | 511836 |
| Portugal | 10627250 | 22 |  | 483057 |
| Czech Republic | 10467542 | 22 |  | 475797 |
| Hungary | 10030975 | 22 |  | 455953 |
| Sweden | 9256347 | 20 | plus 2 | 462817 |
| Austria | 8355260 | 19 | plus 2 | 439751 |
| Bulgaria | 7606551 | 18 | plus 1 | 422586 |
| Denmark | 5511451 | 13 |  | 423958 |
| Slovakia | 5326314 | 13 |  | 409716 |
| Finland | 5412254 | 13 |  | 416327 |
| Ireland | 4450030 | 12 |  | 370836 |
| Lithuania | 3349872 | 12 |  | 279156 |
| Latvia | 2261294 | 9 | plus 1 | 251255 |
| Slovenia | 2032362 | 8 | plus 1 | 254045 |
| Estonia | 493500 | 6 |  | 82250 |
| Cyprus | 1340415 | 6 |  | 223403 |
| Luxembourg | 796875 | 6 |  | 132813 |
| Malta | 413609 | 6 | plus 1 | 68935 |
| TOTAL |  | 754 |  |  |

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

| Date adopted | 19.2 .2013 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Result of final vote | $+:$ |
|  | $-:$ |
|  | $0:$ |
| Members present for the final vote | Alfredo Antoniozzi, Andrew Henry William Brons, Carlo Casini, <br> Andrew Duff, Ashley Fox, Roberto Gualtieri, Enrique Guerrero Salom, <br> Zita Gurmai, Gerald Häfner, Constance Le Grip, Morten <br> Messerschmidt, Paulo Rangel, Algirdas Saudargas, Indrek Tarand, <br> Rafał Trzaskowski, Luis Yánez-Barnuevo García |
| Substitute(s) present for the final vote | Elmar Brok, Zuzana Brzobohatá, Andrea Češková, Sylvie Guillaume, <br> Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Vital Moreira, Evelyn Regner, Helmut Scholz, <br> György Schöpflin, Alexandra Thein |
| Substitute(s) under Rule 187(2) present <br> for the final vote | Csaba Öry |


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ OJ C 227 E, 4.9.2008, p. 132 (Lamassoure-Severin report).

[^1]:    ${ }^{1}$ For an analysis and a description of the various mathematical formulae, see the Special Issue of 'Mathematical social sciences', 63 (2012), pp. 65-191, especially Table 2, on p. 100.

