

**Amendment 37**

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**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 4***Motion for a resolution**Amendment*

4. ***Welcomes*** the fact that the gender balance in Parliament has improved following the last elections; ***stresses, however, that there is still room for further improvement in order to achieve a genuinely gender-balanced Parliament and recognises that there are substantial differences between Member States, from electing more than 50 % women to not electing a single female Member of the European Parliament; calls on Member States and the institutions of the Union to take all necessary measures to promote the principle of equality between men and women throughout the whole electoral process; emphasises, in this connection, the importance of gender-balanced electoral lists; calls on the Commission, in cooperation with Parliament and other bodies such as the Venice Commission, to formulate recommendations to Member States with a view to increasing the representation of women in the European Parliament, and calls for the introduction of lists of candidates with an equal number of male and female candidates on electable places, for example through the use of zipped lists or other equivalent methods, as in many Member States there is no legislation ensuring political parity for election;***

4. ***Takes note of*** the fact that the gender balance in Parliament has improved following the last elections; ***believes*** that ***voters vote for candidates on the basis of their competences and not their gender; is therefore convinced that gender balance is not a valid qualitative indicator of being representative of and accountable to voters;***



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**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 6***Motion for a resolution**Amendment*

6. Notes that only a few Members of the European Parliament belong to ethnic, linguistic and other minorities<sup>22</sup>; believes that ***the fight against racism and the elimination of exclusion and discrimination is a duty that derives from EU values and from the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union; stresses that more needs to be done at national and European level in order to further increase the inclusion in electoral lists and the election of minorities and calls on Member States and political parties participating in European elections to adopt proactive measures to increase the representation of underrepresented groups;***

6. Notes that only a few Members of the European Parliament belong to ethnic, linguistic and other minorities<sup>22</sup>; believes that ***candidates are elected on the basis of the merit of their ideas, and not on the above-mentioned criteria;***

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<sup>22</sup> Commission communication of 19 June 2020 entitled ‘Report on the 2019 elections to the European Parliament’ (COM(2020)0252).

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 10**

*Motion for a resolution*

10. Notes that diverging electoral cultures have resulted in a range of different electoral systems; ***recommends that clear regulations, recommendations and guidelines ensure approximation towards a unified European electoral law and equality of the vote for EU citizens, notably when it comes to the right to register a party and to stand for elections, access to ballots, the fielding of candidates, accessibility, proxy or remote voting, and days of election;***

*Amendment*

10. Notes that diverging electoral cultures have resulted in a range of different electoral systems; ***praises this democratic diversity as a strength;***

Or. en

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**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 14***Motion for a resolution**Amendment*

14. *Is of the opinion* that the *reasons why the Spitzenkandidaten process failed to produce a President of the European Commission after the 2019 elections are, first, because no improvements to the application of the Spitzenkandidat principle were adopted following the experience of 2014 and, second, because of the lack of explanation and understanding of the process among EU citizens; intends to reform the democratic process for choosing the Commission President before the next European elections of 2024; notes, however, that the election of the Commission President always depends on securing the support of the majority of Members of the European Parliament so that the electoral results are fully taken into account, as envisaged in the Lisbon Treaty;*

14. *Considers* that the Spitzenkandidaten *mechanism is of no interest to citizens and is contrary to the Treaties; recalls that Parliament voted against the establishment of transnational lists on 7 February 2018; notes that the practice of holding multiple votes until the desired result is achieved is becoming a solid tradition of the European Union; categorically rejects the establishment of transnational lists and the Spitzenkandidaten mechanism;*

Or. en

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 21**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

21. Points out that the proposed changes to the EU's primary law within this report, which reflect the increased political role of the Commission within the EU framework, should ***also include the individual and collective responsibility of the Commission towards Parliament and the Council, as well as the transformation of the Council into a second legislative chamber of the Union;***

21. Points out that the proposed changes to the EU's primary law within this report, which reflect the increased political role of the Commission within the EU framework, ***requires a change to the Treaties, which should be subject to referenda in the Member States in order to enhance public legitimacy;***

Or. en

**Amendment 42**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 26**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

26. *Considers that illegitimate interference in electoral processes is not an exclusively foreign phenomenon; believes that the content-promoting algorithms of social media platforms must be scrutinised and, if necessary, regulated in order to ensure that the information available to citizens is not biased and that their right to information is protected during and beyond electoral campaigns;*

26. *Insists that allegations of interference should be based on solid and consistent evidence and not on unsubstantiated claims, as happened after the Brexit referendum; is concerned about the sometimes instrumental use of expressions such as ‘fake news’, ‘hate speech’ and ‘disinformation’ to promote the introduction of legislation that jeopardises freedom of expression and the right to information; believes that defining the legal framework for freedom of expression and regulating the content of platforms must remain a national prerogative;*

Or. en

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 27 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***27a. Underlines the very important role of polling institutes in structuring public debates; notes their growing inability to provide a realistic picture of public opinion during major elections; invites these bodies to rethink their methodologies and methods of communication in order to avoid the criticism that they are trying to influence public opinion rather than analyse it;***

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**Amendment 44**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 31 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***31a. Emphasises, nevertheless, that Regulation 1141/2014 has already been modified twice; expresses its concern at the fact that the most recent modification was made only two months prior to the May 2019 European elections, in a breach of the recommendations issued by the Venice Commission; points out that a further revision would do nothing to strengthen public confidence in European political parties and foundations;***

Or. en

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 34**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

34. *Calls for a coordinated strategy at European level to ensure media coverage of the European elections, notably by ensuring that the political agendas of the different European political forces are debated, that candidates standing for the European elections in different Member States are invited and that campaign events are covered;*

34. *Respects the independence of the media, and refrains from trying to set their agenda for them;*

Or. en

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**Paragraph 35**

*Motion for a resolution*

35. *Encourages public broadcasters to host and broadcast debates between leading candidates, as well as between candidates running for the European Parliament, as part of their mandate to inform the public;*

*Amendment*

35. *Respects the independence of public broadcasters and refrains from engaging in political agenda-setting, interference or exerting any pressure whatsoever;*

Or. en

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**Amendment 47**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 36**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

36. Considers that the outcome of the European elections is a clear signal for an in-depth institutional reflection that will allow citizens, ***civil society and their representatives*** to shape the future of the Union; ***underlines that the COVID-19 outbreak has increased the urgency of an institutional reform process at European level; calls, therefore, on all institutional partners to assume their responsibility and deliver an ambitious, interactive and inclusive Conference on the Future of Europe open to citizens, civil society and their representatives and which strengthens representative democracy and the EU's resilience by delivering tangible results, and to follow up on the conclusions of the Conference, which should bring about significant changes to the policies and institutional architecture of the EU and reinvigorate the European project;***

36. Considers that the outcome of the European elections is a clear signal for an in-depth institutional reflection that will allow citizens to shape the future of the Union;

Or. en