I. whereas a functioning electoral system builds trust and support among the population and increases the confidence of citizens of the Union in their capacity to change society democratically by voting;

whereas confidence and democracy can also be strengthened by regular consultation and exchange with citizens, for instance through European Citizen Initiatives, referendums or taking into account blank votes; whereas giving to the citizens the opportunity to revoke their representatives, if requested by a defined number of voters, would give the possibility to increase the accountability of the members of Parliament to their voters;
27.4.2022  A9-0083/5

Amendment 5
Leila Chaibi, Helmut Scholz
on behalf of The Left Group

Report  A9-0083/2022
Domènec Ruiz Devesa
Election of the Members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage
(2020/2220(INL))

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Considers gender equality to be a key element for improving representation in elections; welcomes the overall improvement in gender equality in the last elections, but stresses that there are significant differences between Member States, with some not having elected to Parliament a single woman; calls for the introduction of measures that ensure equal opportunities for women and men to be elected without infringing the rights of non-binary people, through the use of zipped lists or quotas.

Amendment

9. Considers gender equality to be a key element for improving representation in elections; welcomes the overall improvement in gender equality in the last elections, but stresses that there are significant differences between Member States, with some not having elected to Parliament a single woman; calls for mandatory use of zipped lists, that is to say, alternating female and male candidates in order to ensure equal opportunities for women and men to be elected without infringing the rights of non-binary people.

Or. en
Amendment 6
Leila Chaibi
on behalf of The Left Group

Report
Domènec Ruiz Devesa
Election of the Members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage
(2020/2220(INL))

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

**Motion for a resolution**

15. Notes that a coordinated media strategy at European level to ensure coverage and monitoring of the European elections would help to increase citizens’ interest in them;

**Amendment**

15. Notes that a coordinated media strategy at European level to ensure coverage and monitoring of the European elections would help to increase citizens’ interest in them; *considers that debate is the foundation of democracy; calls for public debates broadcast on national television to be organised before every election; believes that debates are useful to convince on the substance and to help electors choose who to vote for;*

Or. en
27.4.2022

Amendment 7
Leila Chaibi
on behalf of The Left Group

Report
Domènec Ruiz Devesa
Election of the Members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage
(2020/2220(INL))

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

34. Believes that establishing a common European voting day would create a more coherent pan-European election and therefore suggests fixing 9th May as the European election day, regardless of the day of the week on which it falls, with the possibility of that day becoming a public holiday; considers it important that the first official projections of the electoral results are announced simultaneously in all Member States on the election day at 21:00 hours CET;

Amendment

34. Considers it important that the first official projections of the electoral results are announced simultaneously in all Member States on the election day at 21:00 hours CET;

Or. en
Amendment 8
Leila Chaibi, Helmut Scholz
on behalf of The Left Group

Report
Domènec Ruiz Devesa
Election of the Members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage
(2020/2220(INL))

Motion for a resolution
Annex – Article 10 – paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. All political parties, associations of voters, electoral alliances and European electoral entities participating in elections to the European Parliament shall observe democratic procedures, transparency and gender equality, through measures that aim to ensure that all eligible persons have an equal opportunity to be elected, and a composition of the European Parliament that reflects the diversity of the European Union, when selecting their candidates for election to the European Parliament. Gender equality shall be reached depending on the Member States electoral systems and in any event in the Union-wide constituency by the use of zipped lists or quotas, without infringing on the rights of non-binary people.

Amendment

1. All political parties, associations of voters, electoral alliances and European electoral entities participating in elections to the European Parliament shall observe democratic procedures, transparency and gender equality, through measures that aim to ensure that all eligible persons have an equal opportunity to be elected, and a composition of the European Parliament that reflects the diversity of the European Union, when selecting their candidates for election to the European Parliament. Gender equality shall be reached depending on the Member States electoral systems for national constituencies and in the Union-wide constituency by the use of zipped lists, without infringing on the rights of non-binary people.

Or. en
Amendment 9
Leila Chaibi
on behalf of The Left Group

Report
Domènec Ruiz Devesa
Election of the Members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage
(2020/2220(INL))

Motion for a resolution
Annex – Article 19 – paragraph 1

1. Elections to the European Parliament shall be held on 9 May of the last year of a parliamentary term, as referred to in Article 20 (the “Election day”).

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

deleted

Or. en
27.4.2022

Amendment 10

Leila Chaibi

on behalf of The Left Group

Report

Domènec Ruiz Devesa

Election of the Members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage
(2020/2220(INL))

Motion for a resolution

Annex – Article 19 – paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. The elections shall end in all Member States by 21:00 local time on that day. To take into account the time difference, elections to the European Parliament may be held on 8 May of the last year of a parliamentary term in the Union’s overseas countries and territories.

Amendment

3. The elections shall end in all Member States by 21:00 local time on the last day of the electoral period. To take into account the time difference, elections to the European Parliament may be held on the day before in the Union’s overseas countries and territories.

Or. en