Modification of the Act concerning the election of the Members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage pursuant to Article 223(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (2020/2220(INL))
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Amendment 1
Leila Chaibi, Helmut Scholz
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 1

— having regard to the Declaration of 9 May 1950 that proposed the creation of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) as a first step in the federation of Europe,

Amendment
— having regard to the Declaration of 9 May 1950 that proposed the creation of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC),

Amendment 2
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 3

— having regard to the Treaties and in particular to Articles 9, 10, 14 and 17(7) of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) and to Articles 20, 22, 223(1) and 225 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), and to Article 2 of Protocol No 1 on the role of national parliaments in the European Union,

Amendment
— having regard to the Treaties and in particular to Articles 2, 3, 9, 10, 14 and 17(7) of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) and to Articles 8, 20, 22, 223(1) and 225 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), and to Article 2 of Protocol No 1 on the role of national parliaments in the European Union,

Amendment 3
Leila Chaibi, Helmut Scholz
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 8

— having regard to the Treaties and in particular to Articles 9, 10, 14 and 17(7) of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) and to Articles 20, 22, 223(1) and 225 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), and to Article 2 of Protocol No 1 on the role of national parliaments in the European Union,
Motion for a resolution
— having regard to its resolution of 6 November 2020 on stocktaking of European elections⁷,

Amendment
— having regard to its report of 6 November 2020 on stocktaking of European elections⁷,


Amendment 4
Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff, Brando Benifei, Giuliano Pisapia, Miroslav Čiž

Motion for a resolution
Citation 11 a (new)

Amendment
— having regard to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, ratified by the EU in 2010, and by all Member States, and Article 29 thereof on participation in political and public life,

Or. en

Amendment 5
Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff, Brando Benifei, Giuliano Pisapia, Miroslav Čiž

Motion for a resolution
Citation 11 b (new)

Amendment

Or. en
Amendment 6
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 13

— having regard to the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (Charter), and in particular Articles 11, 23 and 39 thereof,

Amendment
— having regard to the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (Charter), and in particular Articles 11, 21, 23 and 39 thereof,

Or. en

Amendment 7
Leila Chaibi, Helmut Scholz
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 13 a (new)

— having regard to the European Pillar of Social Rights, and in particular its principle 1,

Amendment
— having regard to the European Pillar of Social Rights, and in particular its principle 1,

Or. en

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

Motion for a resolution
Citation 13 b (new)

— having regard to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and in particular Article 25 thereof,

Amendment
— having regard to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and in particular Article 25 thereof,

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

Motion for a resolution
Citation 13 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— having regard to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD), and in particular Article 29 thereof,

Or. en

Amendment 10
Leila Chaibi, Helmut Scholz
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 13 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— having regard to the European Economic and Social Committee's information report of March 2019 on the reality of the right to vote in European elections for people with disabilities\(^1\),


Or. en

Amendment 11
Leila Chaibi, Helmut Scholz
Motion for a resolution
Citation 13 e (new)

— having regard to the work of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) on gender equality, in particular its action plan for gender-sensitive parliaments,

Or. en

Amendment 12
Leila Chaibi, Helmut Scholz
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 13 f (new)

— having regard to the State of the Union 2021 speech in which Ursula von der Leyen announces that the year 2022 will be the year of youth,

Or. en

Amendment 13
Leila Chaibi, Helmut Scholz
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 13 g (new)

— having regard to the Commission's proposal for the European Year of Youth 2022,
**Amendment 14**
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas since 1976, when the European Electoral Act paved the way for the election of the representatives of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage for the first time, the EP has continuously requested the reform of EU electoral law and moves towards a more genuine, uniform and European electoral procedure;

Amendment

A. whereas since 1976, when the European Electoral Act paved the way for the election of the representatives of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage for the first time, the EP has continuously requested the reform of EU electoral law and moves towards a more democratic procedure;

Or. en

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**Amendment 15**
Gerolf Annemans, Laura Huhtasaari, Gilles Lebreton, Antonio Maria Rinaldi

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas since 1976, when the European Electoral Act paved the way for the election of the representatives of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage for the first time, the EP has continuously requested the reform of EU electoral law and moves towards a more genuine, uniform and European electoral procedure;

Amendment

A. whereas since 1976, when the European Electoral Act paved the way for the election of the representatives of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage for the first time, the EP has continuously requested the reform of EU electoral law and moves towards a more genuine, uniform and European electoral procedure; whereas electoral law falls within the competence of the Member States;

Or. en

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**Amendment 16**
Nathalie Colin-Oesterlé
Motion for a resolution
Recital A

A. whereas since 1976, when the European Electoral Act paved the way for the election of the representatives of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage for the first time, the EP has continuously requested the reform of EU electoral law and moves towards a more genuine, uniform and European electoral procedure;

Amendment

A. whereas since 1976, when the European Electoral Act paved the way for the election of the representatives of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage for the first time, the EP has continuously requested the reform of EU electoral law and moves towards a genuine, more harmonised and European electoral procedure;

Amendment 17
Leila Chaibi, Helmut Scholz
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

A. whereas since 1976, when the European Electoral Act paved the way for the election of the representatives of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage for the first time, the EP has continuously requested the reform of EU electoral law and moves towards a more genuine, uniform and European electoral procedure;

Amendment

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Amendment 18
Leila Chaibi, Helmut Scholz
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital B
B. whereas the Lisbon Treaty has offered a positive step forward by confirming the right of the EP to initiate a proposal on the Electoral Act as well as on its composition;

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Amendment 19
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

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Amendment 20
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

C. whereas other important changes in the Lisbon Treaty concerned in particular the wording of Article 14 TEU, stating that the Parliament is to be composed of representatives of the citizens of the Union and not peoples of the Member States, as well as the reference to the Parliament’s role in the election of the President of the European Commission, who should be elected taking into account

deleted
the results of the EP elections;

Amendment 21
Leila Chaibi, Helmut Scholz
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas other important changes in the Lisbon Treaty concerned in particular the wording of Article 14 TEU, stating that the Parliament is to be composed of representatives of the citizens of the Union and not peoples of the Member States, as well as the reference to the Parliament’s role in the election of the President of the European Commission, who should be elected taking into account the results of the EP elections;

Amendment

C. whereas other important changes in the Lisbon Treaty concerned in particular the reference to the Parliament’s role in the election of the President of the European Commission, who should be elected taking into account the results of the EP elections;

Amendment 22
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas other important changes in the Lisbon Treaty concerned in particular the wording of Article 14 TEU, stating that the Parliament is to be composed of representatives of the citizens of the Union and not peoples of the Member States, as well as the reference to the Parliament’s role in the election of the President of the European Commission, who should be elected taking into account the results of

Amendment

C. whereas other important changes in the Lisbon Treaty concerned in particular the wording of Article 14 TEU, stating that the Parliament is to be composed of representatives of the citizens of the Union, as well as the reference to the Parliament’s role in the election of the President of the European Commission, who should be elected taking into account the results of
Amendment 23
Gerolf Annemans, Laura Huhtasaari, Gilles Lebreton, Antonio Maria Rinaldi

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

D. whereas the procedure for the 2014 elections set a precedent for the role of the Parliament in the selection of the EC President; whereas it was not possible for that procedure to become part of an overall reform of EU electoral law, which contributed to creating the political background for the unexpected disapplication of the lead candidate principle following the European elections of 2019, which resulted from the lack of a common indication from the European political parties and parliamentary groups in support of one of the lead candidates and the European Council’s lack of agreement on nominating any of the lead candidates;

Amendment 24
Sandro Gozi

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

D. whereas the procedure for the 2014 elections set a precedent for the role of the Parliament in the selection of the EC President; whereas it was not possible for
that procedure to become part of an overall reform of EU electoral law, which contributed to creating the political background for the unexpected disapplication of the lead candidate principle following the European elections of 2019, which resulted from the lack of a common indication from the European political parties and parliamentary groups in support of one of the lead candidates and the European Council’s lack of agreement on nominating any of the lead candidates;

become part of an overall reform of EU electoral law; whereas the lack of a common indication from the European political parties and parliamentary groups in support of one of the lead candidates, and the European Council’s lack of agreement on nominating any of the lead candidates contributed to the disapplication of the lead candidate principle following the European elections of 2019;

Amendment 25
Sven Simon
on behalf of the EPP Group
Esteban González Pons, Rainer Wieland, Loránt Vincze

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

D. whereas the procedure for the 2014 elections set a precedent for the role of the Parliament in the selection of the EC President; whereas it was not possible for that procedure to become part of an overall reform of EU electoral law, which contributed to creating the political background for the unexpected disapplication of the lead candidate principle following the European elections of 2019, which resulted from the lack of a common indication from the European political parties and parliamentary groups in support of one of the lead candidates and the European Council’s lack of agreement on nominating any of the lead candidates;

Amendment

D. whereas the procedure for the 2014 elections set a precedent for the role of the Parliament in the selection of the EC President through the lead candidate principle; whereas it was not possible for that procedure to become part of an overall reform of EU electoral law, which contributed to creating the political background for the unexpected disapplication of the lead candidate principle following the European elections of 2019, which resulted from the lack of a common indication from the European political parties and parliamentary groups in support of one of the lead candidates and the European Council’s lack of agreement on nominating any of the lead candidates;
Amendment 26
Leila Chaibi, Helmut Scholz
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Amendment

Da. whereas Article 17(7) of the Treaty on European Union gives the European Council the final say in the election of the President of the European Commission; whereas, according to this article, the European Council is merely obliged to take account of the elections to the European Parliament, and there was therefore no reason to expect the informal Spitzenkandidaten process to be respected either in 2014 or in 2019; whereas, in order to link the European elections genuinely to the choice of the President of the European Commission, the reform of electoral law is a first step; whereas a change in the Treaties is necessary to anchor this democratic measure in practice;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Amendment

E. whereas some existing common provisions in the current European Electoral Act show the way towards necessary improvements, including those which provide for candidates to be elected by proportional representation using a list system or a single transferable vote system; for the freedom to establish constituencies
at national level; for the introduction of a maximum non-obligatory electoral threshold of 5%, and for the prohibition of MEPs to hold a dual mandate in national and European Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Gabriele Bischoff

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas some existing common provisions in the current European Electoral Act show the way towards necessary improvements, including those which provide for candidates to be elected by proportional representation using a list system or a single transferable vote system; for the freedom to establish constituencies at national level; for the introduction of a maximum non-obligatory electoral threshold of 5%, and for the prohibition of MEPs to hold a dual mandate in national and European Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Sven Simon
on behalf of the EPP Group
Esteban González Pons, Rainer Wieland, Loránt Vincze

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Ea. whereas introducing obligatory thresholds is recognised by constitutional tradition as a legitimate means of
guaranteeing that parliaments are able to function;

Amendment 30
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution Amendment

F. whereas, despite some steps forward in defining common standards of electoral procedures for the European Parliament, today EU elections are still mostly governed by national laws and therefore more improvements are needed to establish a genuinely uniform procedure for European elections;

Amendment 31
Gerolf Annemans, Laura Huhtasaari, Gilles Lebreton, Antonio Maria Rinaldi

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution Amendment

F. whereas, despite some steps forward in defining common standards of electoral procedures for the European Parliament, today EU elections are still mostly governed by national laws and therefore more improvements are needed to establish a genuinely uniform procedure for European elections;

Amendment 32
Leila Chaibi
on behalf of The Left Group
Motion for a resolution
Recital F

F. whereas, despite some steps forward in defining common standards of electoral procedures for the European Parliament, today EU elections are still mostly governed by national laws and therefore more improvements are needed to establish a genuinely uniform procedure for European elections;

Amendment

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Amendment 33
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

F. whereas, despite some steps forward in defining common standards of electoral procedures for the European Parliament, today EU elections are still mostly governed by national laws and therefore more improvements are needed to establish a genuinely uniform procedure for European elections;

Amendment

F. whereas, despite some steps forward in defining common standards of electoral procedures for the European Parliament, no substantial reform of the electoral law act has been achieved and still today EU elections are largely governed by national laws resulting in 27 national elections instead of one truly European election; whereas more improvements are needed to establish a genuinely uniform procedure for European elections;

Amendment 34
Loránt Vincze

Motion for a resolution
Recital F
Motion for a resolution

F. whereas, despite some steps forward in defining common standards of electoral procedures for the European Parliament, today EU elections are still mostly governed by national laws and therefore more improvements are needed to establish a genuinely uniform procedure for European elections;

Amendment

F. whereas, despite some steps forward in defining common standards of electoral procedures for the European Parliament, today EU elections are still mostly governed by national laws; whereas more improvements are needed to establish a more uniform procedure for European elections;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Nathalie Colin-Oesterlé

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas, despite some steps forward in defining common standards of electoral procedures for the European Parliament, today EU elections are still mostly governed by national laws and therefore more improvements are needed to establish a genuinely uniform procedure for European elections;

Amendment

F. whereas, despite some steps forward in defining common standards of electoral procedures for the European Parliament, today EU elections are still mostly governed by national laws and therefore more improvements are needed to establish a more harmonised procedure for European elections;

Or. fr

Amendment 36
Leila Chaibi, Helmut Scholz
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas the turnout registered in the 2019 European elections was the highest of any elections to the European

Amendment

G. whereas the turnout registered in the 2019 European elections was the highest of any elections to the European
Parliament in the last 20 years; whereas increased turnout is a positive signal shows that citizens of the Union are taking an increasing interest in the development of the European integration, as indicated also by the results of the special Eurobarometer of 9 March 2021;

Parliament in the last 20 years; whereas the participation rate hides wide disparities between Member States; whereas increased turnout is a positive signal shows that citizens of the Union are taking an increasing interest in the development of the European integration, as indicated also by the results of the special Eurobarometer of 9 March 2021; whereas, moreover, this rate still means that only half of the citizens took part; whereas only 18% of those polled indicated that they thought that their vote could "change things"; whereas, therefore, the increase in participation cannot be the only criterion to be observed; whereas the ballot also reflects dissatisfaction on the part of a section of the population with regard to the construction of the European Union, European democracy or EU current policies;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Sandro Gozi

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas the turnout registered in the 2019 European elections was the highest of any elections to the European Parliament in the last 20 years; whereas increased turnout is a positive signal shows that citizens of the Union are taking an increasing interest in the development of the European integration, as indicated also by the results of the special Eurobarometer of 9 March 2021;

Amendment

G. whereas the turnout registered in the 2019 European elections was the highest of any elections to the European Parliament in the last 20 years; whereas increased turnout is a positive signal and shows that citizens, and in particular the youngest generations of the Union are taking an increasing interest in the development of the European integration, as indicated also by the results of the special Eurobarometer of 9 March 2021; whereas increased interest in European elections signals that EU citizens demand a swift action from the EU in the field of
climate change, the protection of human rights and rule of law, migration, and the role of the EU in international relations;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Gerolf Annemans, Laura Huhtasaari, Gilles Lebreton, Antonio Maria Rinaldi

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Amendment

G. whereas the turnout registered in the 2019 European elections was the highest of any elections to the European Parliament in the last 20 years; whereas increased turnout is a positive signal shows that citizens of the Union are taking an increasing interest in the development of the European integration, as indicated also by the results of the special Eurobarometer of 9 March 2021;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Nathalie Colin-Oesterlé

Motion for a resolution
Recital Ga (new)

Amendment

Ga. whereas although a record turnout was registered at the last European elections in 2019, the turnout for European elections remains well below that for national elections; stresses that communication efforts must be made to increase citizens’ interest in European issues and the role of European political parties and foundations in this regard;
Amendment 40
Leila Chaibi, Helmut Scholz
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Amendment

Ga. whereas polls can influence the choice of citizens at the time of voting; whereas their over-mediatisation can be an obstacle to the personal and free nature of the vote; whereas many Member States limit the publication of polls to between two days and two weeks before the vote, precisely in order to guarantee the democratic freedom of the vote, without external injunctions and pressures;

Amendment 41
Leila Chaibi, Helmut Scholz
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital H

Amendment

H. whereas the trend of a growing voter turnout can be maintained if the connection and accountability between voters and candidates are strengthened and the EU-wide dimension is fostered;

H. whereas the trend of a growing voter turnout can be maintained if the connection and accountability between voters and candidates are strengthened and the EU-wide dimension is fostered; whereas the long-awaited creation of an independent ethics body, common to all the European institutions, will also help strengthen European democracy, its transparency and the fight against conflicts of interest;
Amendment 42
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital H

H. whereas the trend of a growing voter turnout can be maintained if the connection and accountability between voters and candidates are strengthened and the EU-wide dimension is fostered;

Amendment
H. whereas the trend of a growing voter turnout can be improved if the connection and accountability between voters and candidates are strengthened and the EU-wide dimension is fostered;

Amendment 43
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Recital H a (new)

Ha. whereas the possibility of voting directly for European parties and movements through transnational lists could contribute positively to the construction of a European political space;

Amendment

Amendment 44
Leila Chaibi, Helmut Scholz
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital I
Motion for a resolution

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;

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whereas confidence can also be strengthened by additional democratic tools such as the ECI or the use of referendums on European issues and the respect of popular decisions;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

J. whereas the conclusion of the ratification process for Council’s Decision 2018/994 of 13 July 2018 is still pending but cannot hold back the necessary changes in the Union’s electoral systems;

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

J. whereas the conclusion of the ratification process for Council’s Decision 2018/994 of 13 July 2018 is still pending but cannot hold back the necessary changes in the Union’s electoral systems;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 46
Loránt Vincze

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

J. whereas the conclusion of the ratification process for Council’s Decision 2018/994 of 13 July 2018 is still pending but cannot hold back the necessary

J. whereas the conclusion of the ratification process for Council’s Decision 2018/994 of 13 July 2018 is still pending;
changes in the Union’s electoral systems;

Amendment 47
Leila Chaibi
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

J. whereas the conclusion of the ratification process for Council’s Decision 2018/994 of 13 July 2018 is still pending but cannot hold back the necessary changes in the Union’s electoral systems;

Amendment
J. whereas the conclusion of the ratification process for Council’s Decision 2018/994 of 13 July 2018 is still pending but does not impede the necessary changes in the Union’s electoral systems;

Amendment 48
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

J. whereas the conclusion of the ratification process for Council’s Decision 2018/994 of 13 July 2018 is still pending but cannot hold back the necessary changes in the Union’s electoral systems;

Amendment
J. whereas the approval by Member States of for Council’s Decision 2018/994 of 13 July 2018 is still pending but cannot hold back the necessary changes in the Union’s electoral systems;

Amendment 49
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Recital K
Motion for a resolution

K. whereas growing political momentum and changing conditions among the Member States could offer the possibility of finally introducing into election procedures stronger elements and provisions that highlight the European dimension of the elections;

Amendment

K. whereas the political momentum and changing conditions among the Member States show a strong division between their election systems and procedures, thus a further step towards centralizing the electoral process would not be the most appropriate approach;

Amendment 50
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital K

Motion for a resolution

K. whereas growing political momentum and changing conditions among the Member States could offer the possibility of finally introducing into election procedures stronger elements and provisions that highlight the European dimension of the elections;

Amendment

K. whereas growing political momentum across Europe could offer the possibility of introducing into election procedures stronger elements and provisions that manifest the European dimension of the elections;

Amendment 51
Leila Chaibi, Helmut Scholz
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital K

Motion for a resolution

K. whereas growing political momentum and changing conditions among the Member States could offer the possibility of finally introducing into
Amendment 52
Gerolf Annemans, Laura Huhtasaari, Gilles Lebreton, Antonio Maria Rinaldi

Motion for a resolution
Recital L

L. whereas an appropriate approach to reforming the European electoral law should be based on respect for the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality and the introduction of common minimum standards;  

Amendment

L. whereas an appropriate approach to reforming the European electoral law should be based on respect for the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality and the introduction of recommendations for common minimum standards, based on the European best practices;  

Amendment 53
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital L

L. whereas an appropriate approach to reforming the European electoral law should be based on respect for the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality and the introduction of common minimum standards;  

Amendment

L. whereas an appropriate approach to reforming the European electoral law should be based on respect for the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality and the introduction of common minimum democratic standards;  

Amendment 54
Angel Dzhambazki
Motion for a resolution
Recital M

M. whereas the reform of the European Parliament's electoral procedure should aim to enhance the democratic and transnational dimension of the European elections and the democratic legitimacy of the Union 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 bring Members of the European Parliament closer to their voters, and in particular the youngest amongst them;

Amendment

M. whereas the reform of the European Parliament's electoral procedure should aim to enhance the democratic dimension of the European elections and the democratic legitimacy of the Union decision-making process, 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, enhance the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, and bring Members of the European Parliament closer to their voters, and in particular the youngest amongst them;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Leila Chaibi, Helmut Scholz
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital M

M. whereas the reform of the European Parliament's electoral procedure should aim to enhance the democratic and transnational dimension of the European elections and the democratic legitimacy of the Union 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,
strengthen the principles of electoral equality and equal opportunities, enhance the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, and bring Members of the European Parliament closer to their voters, and in particular the youngest amongst them;

legitimate and legislative by giving it genuine right of initiative, strengthen the principles of electoral equality and equal opportunities, especially between women and men, enhance the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, and bring Members of the European Parliament closer to their voters, and in particular the youngest amongst them;

Amendment 56
Gerolf Annemans, Laura Huhtasaari, Gilles Lebreton, Antonio Maria Rinaldi

Motion for a resolution
Recital M

M. whereas the reform of the European Parliament's electoral procedure should aim to enhance the democratic and transnational dimension of the European elections and the democratic legitimacy of the Union 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, strengthen the principles of electoral equality and equal opportunities, enhance the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, and bring Members of the European Parliament closer to their voters, and in particular the youngest amongst them;

Amendment

M. whereas the reform of the European Parliament's electoral procedure should aim to enhance the democratic dimension of the European elections and the democratic legitimacy of the Union 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, strengthen the principles of electoral equality and equal opportunities, enhance the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, and bring Members of the European Parliament closer to their voters, and in particular the youngest amongst them, while preserving the national character of electoral matters;

Amendment 57
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group
Motion for a resolution
Recital M

M. whereas the reform of the European Parliament's electoral procedure should aim to enhance the democratic and transnational dimension of the European elections and the democratic legitimacy of the Union 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, strengthen the principles of electoral equality and equal opportunities, enhance the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, and bring Members of the European Parliament closer to their voters, and in particular the youngest amongst them;

Amendment

M. whereas the reform of the European Parliament's electoral procedure should aim to enhance the democratic and pan-European dimension of the European elections and the democratic legitimacy of the Union 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, strengthen the principles of electoral equality and equal opportunities, enhance the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, and bring Members of the European Parliament closer to their voters, and in particular the youngest amongst them;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Loránt Vincze

Motion for a resolution
Recital M

M. whereas the reform of the European Parliament's electoral procedure should aim to enhance the democratic and transnational dimension of the European elections and the democratic legitimacy of the Union 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, strengthen the principles of electoral

Amendment

M. whereas the reform of the European Parliament's electoral procedure should aim to enhance the democratic and European dimension of the European elections and the democratic legitimacy of the Union 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, strengthen the principles of electoral
equality and equal opportunities, enhance the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, and bring Members of the European Parliament closer to their voters, and in particular the youngest amongst them;

Amendment 59
Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Recital M

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

M. whereas the reform of the European Parliament's electoral procedure should aim to enhance the democratic and transnational dimension of the European elections and the democratic legitimacy of the Union 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, strengthen the principles of electoral equality and equal opportunities, enhance the effectiveness of the system for conducting European elections, and bring Members of the European Parliament closer to their voters, and in particular the youngest amongst them;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Loránt Vincze, Herbert Dorfmann, François Alfonsi

Motion for a resolution
Recital M a (new)
Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ma. whereas, as outlined by the Venice Commission, the right to parliamentary representation is one of the most important rights in a democratic society\(^1a\) and affirmative action in the sphere of electoral rules is one of the ways to establish fair and effective participation of persons belonging to national minorities\(^2a\);

\(^{1a}\) Venice Commission: Opinion on the Hungarian Bill N°. 5190 on the Rights of National and Ethnic Minorities CDL-MIN (93) 4 Revised, paragraph 12

\(^{2a}\) Venice Commission: Report on the abolition of restrictions on the right to vote in general elections, CDL-AD(2005)011, paragraph 7

Or. en

Amendment 61
Loránt Vincze, Herbert Dorfmann, François Alfonsi

Motion for a resolution
Recital M b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Mb. whereas all Member States that have joined the European Union after the adoption of the Copenhagen criteria were encouraged and expected to sign and ratify the Framework Convention on the Protection of National Minorities, Article 15 of which foresees that “The Parties shall create the conditions necessary for the effective participation of persons belonging to national minorities in cultural, social and economic life and in public affairs, in particular those affecting them.”
Amendment 62
Loránt Vincze, Herbert Dorfmann, François Alfonsi

Motion for a resolution
Recital M e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Mc. whereas the Venice Commission has dealt extensively with the basic principles and good practices related to the representation of national minorities, issuing recommendations and acknowledging especially the role of guaranteed reserved seats for members of national minorities, lower electoral thresholds in proportional electoral systems for parties representing national minorities or the designation of electoral districts with the purpose to enhance the minorities’ participation in the decision-making processes1a; whereas it pointed out that while a proportional electoral system is believed to offer more guarantees for minorities, this positive effect is neutralised if it is accompanied by thresholds, which considerably reduce the chances of minorities to be represented;

Motion for a resolution
Recital M d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Md. whereas the importance of the electoral process for facilitating the participation of minorities in the political sphere is also emphasised by "The (OSCE) Lund Recommendations on the effective participation of national minorities in public life";

Amendment

Motion for a resolution
Recital M e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Me. whereas the principles of proportionality, electoral equality and equal opportunities have to be considered in regards to autochthonous minorities, which are clearly underrepresented in the EP; whereas approximately 20 MEPs out of 705 declare to belong to a minority (≈2,8%)\(^1\); whereas according to the most comprehensive overview of national minorities in Europe\(^2\) the total number of persons in the EU belonging to a national minority - without counting speakers of regional or minority languages - is 29,844,468 out of 447,000,000 (6.7%), which shows that autochthonous minorities are clearly underrepresented in the EP; whereas no minority smaller than 50,000 members is represented (132 of 192 minorities);

Amendment

\(^1\) Based on data from the European Parliament’s Intergroup for Traditional Minorities, National Communities and

Amendment 64
Loránt Vincze, Herbert Dorfmann, François Alfonsi
Amendment 65
Loránt Vincze, Herbert Dorfmann, François Alfonsi

Motion for a resolution
Recital M f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Mf: whereas across the EU there are various good practices fostering the participation of national minorities in national elections such as in Belgium, Croatia, Denmark, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Romania and Slovenia; whereas in European elections in Belgium the German speaking region constitutes a separate constituency and in Italy the lists of the French, German and Slovene linguistic minorities may be linked to a national list, in which case the votes of the linguistic list will be added to those of the national list, obtaining one of its seats if a linguistic candidate receives at least 50,000 votes;

Amendment

Or. en
Motion for a resolution

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

Amendment

Amendment 67
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Recital O

Motion for a resolution

O. whereas the right of all citizens of the Union to participate, on an equal basis, in the democratic life of the Union would be promoted by a genuine harmonisation of the procedure for elections to the European Parliament in all the Member States, which would also strengthen the political dimension of European integration;

Amendment

Amendment 68
Leila Chaibi
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital O

Motion for a resolution

O. whereas the right of all citizens of the Union to participate, on an equal basis, in the democratic life of the Union would be promoted by a genuine harmonisation of the procedure for elections to the European Parliament in all the Member States,
which would also strengthen the political dimension of European integration;

Amendment 69
Nathalie Colin-Oesterlé

Motion for a resolution
Recital O

Motion for a resolution

O. whereas the right of all citizens of the Union to participate, on an equal basis, in the democratic life of the Union would be promoted by a genuine harmonisation of the procedure for elections to the European Parliament in all the Member States, which would also strengthen the political dimension of European integration;

Amendment

O. whereas the right of all citizens of the Union to participate, on an equal basis, in the democratic life of the Union would be promoted by an increasing harmonisation of the procedure for elections to the European Parliament in all the Member States, which would also strengthen the political dimension of European integration;

Amendment 70
Loránt Vincze

Motion for a resolution
Recital O

Motion for a resolution

O. whereas the right of all citizens of the Union to participate, on an equal basis, in the democratic life of the Union would be promoted by a genuine harmonisation of the procedure for elections to the European Parliament in all the Member States, which would also strengthen the political dimension of European integration;

Amendment

O. whereas the right of all citizens of the Union to participate, on an equal basis, in the democratic life of the Union would be promoted by a deeper harmonisation of the procedure for elections to the European Parliament in all the Member States, which would also strengthen the political dimension of European integration;
Amendment 71
Leila Chaibi
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital P

Motion for a resolution

P. whereas European political parties are best placed to "contribute to forming European political awareness" and should therefore play a stronger role in the campaigns for Parliament elections in order to improve their visibility and to make clear 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;

Amendment

P. whereas European political parties "contribute to forming European political awareness" and should therefore play a stronger role in the campaigns for Parliament elections in order to improve their visibility and to make clear 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; whereas some political parties or movements do not belong to a European political party;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Sandro Gozi

Motion for a resolution
Recital P

Motion for a resolution

P. whereas European political parties are best placed to "contribute to forming European political awareness" and should therefore play a stronger role in the campaigns for Parliament elections in order to improve their visibility and to make clear 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;

Amendment

P. whereas European political parties are best placed to "contribute to forming European political awareness" and should therefore play a stronger role in the campaigns for Parliament elections in order to improve their visibility and to make clear 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, and on the nomination of the President of the European Commission;
Amendment 73
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Recital P

P. whereas European political parties are best placed to "contribute to forming European political awareness" and should therefore play a stronger role in the campaigns for Parliament elections in order to improve their visibility and to make clear 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;

Amendment

P. whereas European political parties and movements are best placed to "contribute to forming European political awareness" and should therefore play a stronger role in the campaigns for Parliament elections in order to improve their visibility and to make clear 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;

Amendment 74
Leila Chaibi, Helmut Scholz on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital Q

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

Amendment

Q. 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; whereas internal democracy is defined by parties, party members and citizens, according to national laws and ideological histories;
Amendment 75
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Recital Q

Q. 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;

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

Amendment

Q. 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. en

Amendment 76
Esteban González Pons, Sven Simon, Francisco José Millán Mon, Rainer Wieland

Motion for a resolution
Recital S a (new)

Sa. whereas in certain Member States
the ballot papers containing the list of
candidates for the elections to the
European Parliament may be misleading,
since political parties or coalitions are
allowed in certain territories within a
single national constituency to indicate on
the ballot paper only the names of certain
candidates and alternates and to indicate
a name, acronym or symbol other than
that of the political party or coalition;

whereas this situation is contrary to the
most elementary requirements of
transparency and democracy in elections;

Amendment

Or. en
Amendment 77
Nathalie Colin-Oesterlé

Motion for a resolution
Recital T

Motion for a resolution Amendment

T. whereas the establishment of a deleted
joint constituency in which lists are
headed by each political family’s
candidate for the post of President of the
Commission would greatly strengthen
European democracy and further
legitimise the election of the President of
the Commission;

Or. fr

Amendment 78
Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Motion for a resolution
Recital T

Motion for a resolution Amendment

T. whereas the establishment of a deleted
joint constituency in which lists are
headed by each political family’s
candidate for the post of President of the
Commission would greatly strengthen
European democracy and further
legitimise the election of the President of
the Commission;

Or. en

Amendment 79
Gerolf Annemans, Laura Huhtasaari, Gilles Lebreton, Antonio Maria Rinaldi

Motion for a resolution
Recital T
Motion for a resolution

T. whereas the establishment of a joint constituency in which lists are headed by each political family’s candidate for the post of President of the Commission would greatly strengthen European democracy and further legitimise the election of the President of the Commission;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 80
Sven Simon
on behalf of the EPP Group
Esteban González Pons, Rainer Wieland, Loránt Vincze, Seán Kelly, Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Recital T

T. whereas a strong link between elected members and constituents is a crucial element of any representative democracy; whereas the principle of geographic representation is therefore crucial for allocation of all seats in European elections.

Amendment 81
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Recital T

T. whereas the establishment of a joint constituency in which lists are headed by each political family’s candidate for the post of President of the Commission would greatly strengthen European democracy and further legitimise the election of the
President of the Commission; this would make the elections for the European Parliament truly based on European issues and not on issues of exclusively national interest;

Amendment 82
Leila Chaibi, Helmut Scholz
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital T

Amendment
T. whereas the establishment of a joint constituency in which lists are headed by each political family’s candidate for the post of President of the Commission would greatly strengthen European democracy and further legitimise the election of the President of the Commission;

Or. en

Amendment 83
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Recital T

Amendment
T. whereas the establishment of a joint constituency in which lists are headed by each political family’s candidate for the post of President of the Commission, in addition to current system, would strengthen European democracy and further legitimise the election of the President of the Commission and its accountability;

Or. en
Amendment 84
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital T

Motion for a resolution

T. whereas the establishment of a **joint** constituency in which lists are headed by each political family’s candidate for the post of President of the Commission would greatly strengthen European democracy and further legitimise the election of the President of the Commission;

Amendment

T. whereas the establishment of a **EU-wide** constituency in which lists are headed by each political family’s candidate for the post of President of the Commission would greatly strengthen European democracy and further legitimise the election of the President of the Commission;

Or. en

Amendment 85
Nathalie Colin-Oesterlé

Motion for a resolution
Recital T a (new)

Motion for a resolution

*Ta.* whereas proposals to introduce a **joint** constituency have been repeatedly rejected by the European Parliament, and whereas such a measure would increase the complexity of the EU electoral system;

Amendment

Or. fr

Amendment 86
Nathalie Colin-Oesterlé

Motion for a resolution
Recital T b (new)
Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Tb. whereas national and local constituencies enable candidates to forge links with their voters; whereas such links are likely to increase citizens’ interest in European issues;

Or. fr

Amendment 87
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Recital U

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

U. whereas not all Member States give their citizens the possibility of voting from abroad, and among those that do, the conditions for depriving them of their right to vote vary greatly; whereas granting all citizens of the Union 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. en

Amendment 88
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital U

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

U. whereas the possibility of voting from abroad is linked to the constitutions and electoral laws of the Member States and should not be determined at EU level;

Or. en
their citizens the possibility of voting from abroad, and among those that do, the conditions for depriving them of their right to vote vary greatly; whereas granting all citizens of the Union 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;

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Amendment 89
Leila Chaibi, Helmut Scholz
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital V

Motion for a resolution

V. whereas any barriers to the right to vote for persons with disabilities, especially legal barriers for adults with intellectual disabilities declared legally incapacitated should be removed, guaranteeing physical and sensory accessibility in polling stations as well as alternative participation systems to exercise the right to vote, in particular through postal voting;

Amendment

V. whereas many people with disabilities want to vote at a polling station; whereas in 12 Member States national rules do not make it possible to switch from the polling station assigned on the basis of place of residence to another which is more suitable in the light of a voter's disability; whereas, lastly, Article 29 of the UNCRPD explicitly stipulates that the States Parties undertake to ensure that persons with disabilities can effectively and fully participate in political and public life on an equal basis with others; whereas any barriers to the right to vote and stand as candidate for persons with disabilities, especially legal barriers for adults with disabilities declared legally incapacitated should be removed, guaranteeing accessibility throughout the election process should be ensured, including by providing additional participation systems to exercise the right to vote, in particular
through postal voting;

Amendment 90
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Recital V

V. whereas any barriers to the right to vote for persons with disabilities, especially legal barriers for adults with intellectual disabilities declared legally incapacitated should be removed, 

Amendment

guaranteeing physical and sensory accessibility in polling stations as well as alternative participation systems to exercise the right to vote, in particular through postal voting;

Amendment

V. whereas any barriers to the right to vote for persons with disabilities, especially legal barriers for adults with intellectual disabilities declared legally incapacitated should be removed, accessibility throughout the elections process should be ensured, including by providing alternative participation systems to exercise the right to vote, in particular through electronic voting procedures and postal voting and through appropriate voting arrangements for persons with disabilities to facilitate their voting rights on an equal basis with others;

Amendment 91
Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff, Brando Benifei, Giuliano Pisapia

Motion for a resolution
Recital V

V. whereas any barriers to the right to vote for persons with disabilities, especially legal barriers for adults with intellectual disabilities declared legally incapacitated should be removed, 

Amendment

guaranteeing physical and sensory accessibility in polling stations as well as alternative participation systems to

Amendment

V. whereas any barriers to the right to vote and stand as candidate for persons with disabilities, especially legal barriers for adults with disabilities declared legally incapacitated, should be removed, accessibility throughout the elections process should be ensured including by providing alternative participation systems
exercise the right to vote, in particular through postal voting;

to exercise the right to vote such as postal voting and appropriate voting arrangements for persons with disabilities to facilitate the exercise of their voting rights on an equal basis with others;

Amendment 92
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital V

Motion for a resolution

V. whereas any barriers to the right to vote for persons with disabilities, especially legal barriers for adults with intellectual disabilities declared legally incapacitated should be removed, guaranteeing physical and sensory accessibility in polling stations as well as alternative participation systems to exercise the right to vote, in particular through postal voting;

Amendment

V. whereas any barriers to the right to vote for persons with disabilities, especially legal barriers for adults with intellectual disabilities declared legally incapacitated, should be removed, ensuring the exercise of the right to vote in all voting modalities;

Amendment 93
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Recital V

Motion for a resolution

V. whereas any barriers to the right to vote for persons with disabilities, especially legal barriers for adults with intellectual disabilities declared legally incapacitated should be removed, guaranteeing physical and sensory accessibility in polling stations as well as alternative participation systems should be put in place in order to guarantee the
alternative participation systems to exercise the right to vote, in particular through postal voting;}

Amendment 94
Leila Chaibi
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital V a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Va. whereas other democratic tools can also be used to improve voter turnout, such as the inclusion of blank ballots or citizens' consultations between elections, such as referendums;

Amendment 95
Nathalie Colin-Oesterlé

Motion for a resolution
Recital W

Motion for a resolution

W. whereas an electoral authority, acting as a network of Member States' single contact authorities, should be set up at Union level, as this would facilitate access to information on the rules governing the European elections, as well as streamlining the process, managing the joint constituency and enhancing the European character of those elections;

deleted

Or. en

Or. fr
Amendment 96
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Recital W

Motion for a resolution  Amendment

W. whereas an electoral authority, acting as a network of Member States’ single contact authorities, should be set up at Union level, as this would facilitate access to information on the rules governing the European elections, as well as streamlining the process, managing the joint constituency and enhancing the European character of those elections;

Or. en

Amendment 97
Loránt Vincze

Motion for a resolution
Recital W

Motion for a resolution  Amendment

W. whereas an electoral authority, acting as a network of Member States’ single contact authorities, should be set up at Union level, as this would facilitate access to information on the rules governing the European elections, as well as streamlining the process, managing the joint constituency and enhancing the European character of those elections;

Or. en

Amendment 98
Gerolf Annemans, Laura Huhtasaari, Gilles Lebreton, Antonio Maria Rinaldi

Motion for a resolution
Recital W
Motion for a resolution

W. whereas an electoral authority, acting as a network of Member States' single contact authorities, should be set up at Union level, as this would facilitate access to information on the rules governing the European elections, as well as streamlining the process, managing the joint constituency and enhancing the European character of those elections;

Amendment

W. whereas a network and synergies among Member States' electoral authorities should be developed at Union level, as this would facilitate access to information on the rules governing the European elections, as well as streamlining the process and enhancing the European character of those elections;

Amendment 99
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital W

Motion for a resolution

W. whereas an electoral authority, acting as a network of Member States' single contact authorities, should be set up at Union level, as this would facilitate access to information on the rules governing the European elections, as well as streamlining the process, managing the joint constituency and enhancing the European character of those elections;

Amendment

W. whereas an electoral authority, acting as a network of Member States' single contact authorities, should be set up at Union level, as this would facilitate access to information on the rules governing the European elections, as well as streamlining the process, in particular in the EU-wide constituency and enhancing the European character of those elections;

Amendment 100
Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Motion for a resolution
Recital W
Motion for a resolution

W. whereas an electoral authority, acting as a network of Member States' single contact authorities, should be set up at Union level, as this would facilitate access to information on the rules governing the European elections, as well as streamlining the process, managing the joint constituency and enhancing the European character of those elections;

Amendment

W. whereas an electoral authority, acting as a network of Member States' single contact authorities, should be set up at Union level, as this would facilitate access to information on the rules governing the European elections, as well as streamlining the process, managing the joint constituency and enhancing the European character of those elections;

Amendment 101
Leila Chaibi
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital W

Motion for a resolution
Recital X

W. whereas an electoral authority, acting as a network of Member States' single contact authorities, should be set up at Union level, as this would facilitate access to information on the rules governing the European elections, as well as streamlining the process, managing the joint constituency and enhancing the European character of those elections;

Amendment

W. whereas an electoral authority for transnational lists, acting as a network of Member States' single contact authorities, should be set up at Union level, as this would facilitate access to information on the rules governing the European elections, as well as streamlining the process, managing the joint constituency and enhancing the European character of those elections;

Amendment 102
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Recital X

X. whereas postal, electronic and internet voting could make the conduct of
deleted
European elections more efficient and more appealing for voters, whilst ensuring the highest possible standards of data protection;

Amendment 103
Gerolf Annemans, Laura Huhtasaari, Gilles Lebreton, Antonio Maria Rinaldi

Motion for a resolution
Recital X

Motion for a resolution
X. whereas postal, electronic and internet voting could make the conduct of European elections more efficient and more appealing for voters, whilst ensuring the highest possible standards of data protection;

Amendment
X. whereas the voting system in each Member State should be efficient and should ensure the highest possible standards of data protection;

Amendment 104
Leila Chaibi
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital X

Motion for a resolution
X. whereas postal, electronic and internet voting could make the conduct of European elections more efficient and more appealing for voters, whilst ensuring the highest possible standards of data protection;

Amendment
X. whereas postal and electronic voting could make the conduct of European elections more efficient and more appealing for voters, whilst ensuring the highest possible standards of data protection and maintaining vote at polling stations as the norm; whereas many national bodies for the protection of digital freedoms have expressed reservations about online voting; whereas online voting presents increased difficulties with regard to the fundamental principles governing electoral operations (the secrecy of the ballot, the personal and
free nature of the vote, the sincerity of electoral operations, effective monitoring of the vote and a posteriori control by the election judge); whereas these difficulties exist mainly because of the opacity and the high technicality of the solutions implemented, as well as the great difficulty of ensuring the identity and freedom of choice of the person carrying out the remote voting operations;

Amendment 105
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Recital X

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

X. whereas postal, electronic and internet voting could make the conduct of European elections more efficient and more appealing for voters, whilst ensuring the highest possible standards of data protection;

X. whereas postal, electronic and internet voting could make the conduct of European elections more efficient and more appealing for voters, whilst ensuring that this process is supported by a common regulatory framework and procedure in which the highest standards of data protection, maximum transparency and security of the entire electoral process are guaranteed;

Amendment 106
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital X

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

X. whereas postal, electronic and internet voting could make the conduct of

X. whereas advance, postal, proxy and electronic voting could make the conduct of
European elections more efficient and more appealing for voters, whilst ensuring the highest possible standards of data protection; and the reliability and the secrecy of the votes;

Amendment 107
Nathalie Colin-Oesterlé

Motion for a resolution
Recital X

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

X. whereas postal, electronic and internet voting could make the conduct of European elections more efficient and more appealing for voters, whilst ensuring the highest possible standards of data protection;

Or. en

Amendment 108
Sven Simon
on behalf of the EPP Group
Esteban González Pons, Rainer Wieland, Loránt Vincze, Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Recital X

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

X. whereas postal, electronic and internet voting could make the conduct of European elections more efficient and more appealing for voters, on condition that such procedures ensure the highest possible standards of data protection;

Or. fr

X. whereas postal voting could make the conduct of European elections more efficient and more appealing for voters, whilst ensuring the highest possible standards of election integrity;

Or. en
Amendment 109
Leila Chaibi, Helmut Scholz
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital X a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Xa. whereas in her State of the Union speech, the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, announced that 2022 will be the year of youth; whereas in its proposal to make 2022 the European Year of Youth, the Commission wishes young people “to become active and engaged citizens as well as actors of change”; whereas in order to achieve this, young people must be given their rightful place in the electorate;

Or. en

Amendment 110
Seán Kelly, Esther de Lange

Motion for a resolution
Recital X a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Xa. whereas the European Electoral Act should provide for the possibility of temporary replacement of a Member of the European Parliament that is availing of their right to maternity, paternity or parental leave;

Or. en

Amendment 111
Gerolf Annemans, Laura Huhtasaari, Gilles Lebreton, Antonio Maria Rinaldi
Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

1. Suggests the reform of its electoral procedure with the goal of shaping in a concrete way a European public sphere, by suggesting common minimum standards and legislative changes ahead of the 2024 European elections;

Amendment

1. Suggests the reform of its electoral procedure with the goal of shaping in a concrete way a European public sphere, by suggesting recommendations for common minimum standards based on the European best practices ahead of the 2024 European elections;

Amendment 112
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

1. Suggests the reform of its electoral procedure with the goal of shaping in a concrete way a European public sphere, by suggesting common minimum standards and legislative changes ahead of the 2024 European elections;

Amendment

1. Suggests the reform of its electoral procedure with the goal of shaping in a concrete way a European public sphere, by suggesting common minimum standards and legislative changes ahead of the 2029 European elections;

Or. en

Amendment 113
Gerolf Annemans, Laura Huhtasaari, Gilles Lebreton, Antonio Maria Rinaldi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

2. Considers it essential to improve the transparency and democratic accountability of the Parliament, by strengthening the European dimension of the elections, notably by shifting the

Amendment

2. Considers it essential to improve the transparency and democratic accountability of the Parliament; in addition, considers it essential to provide national electoral authorities with support
debate in election campaigns away from national topics towards genuinely European issues; in addition, considers it essential to transform the European elections into a single European election, as opposed to the collection of 27 separate national elections, which is the way that European elections are mainly perceived today;

Amendment 114
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

2. Considers it essential to improve the transparency and democratic accountability of the Parliament, by strengthening the European dimension of the elections, notably by shifting the debate in election campaigns away from national topics towards genuinely European issues; in addition, considers it essential to transform the European elections into a single European election, as opposed to the collection of 27 separate national elections, which is the way that European elections are mainly perceived today;

Amendment 115
Nathalie Colin-Oesterlé

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

2. Considers it essential to improve the transparency and democratic accountability of the Parliament, by taking in to account the national and local topics as they are the ones shaping the work of the European Parliament;
Motion for a resolution

2. Considers it essential to improve the transparency and democratic accountability of the Parliament, by strengthening the European dimension of the elections, notably by shifting the debate in election campaigns away from national topics towards genuinely European issues; in addition, considers it essential to transform the European elections into a single European election, as opposed to the collection of 27 separate national elections, which is the way that European elections are mainly perceived today;

Amendment

2. Considers it essential to improve the transparency and democratic accountability of the Parliament, by strengthening the European dimension of the elections, notably by shifting the debate in election campaigns away from national topics towards genuinely European issues;

Or. fr

Amendment 116
Leila Chaibi
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Considers it essential to improve the transparency and democratic accountability of the Parliament, by strengthening the European dimension of the elections, notably by shifting the debate in election campaigns away from national topics towards genuinely European issues; in addition, considers it essential to transform the European elections into a single European election, especially with transnational lists, as opposed to the collection of 27 separate national elections, which is the way that European elections are mainly perceived today;

Amendment

2. Considers it essential to improve the transparency and democratic accountability of the Parliament, by strengthening the European dimension of the elections, notably by transforming the European elections into a single European election, especially with transnational lists, as opposed to the collection of 27 separate national elections, which is the way that European elections are mainly perceived today;

Or. en
Amendment 117
Damian Boeselager on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

2. Considers it essential to improve the transparency and democratic accountability of the Parliament, by strengthening the European dimension of the elections, notably by shifting the debate in election campaigns away from national topics towards genuinely European issues; in addition, considers it essential to transform the European elections into a single European election, as opposed to the collection of 27 separate national elections, which is the way that European elections are organised today;

Or. en

Amendment 118
Leila Chaibi, Helmut Scholz on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

2a. Reminds that at their informal meeting on 23 February 2018, the Heads of State and Government decided to continue the reflection, as well as the technical, legal and political work, in order to make it possible to set up transnational lists for the European elections in 2024;

Amendment

2a. Reminds that at their informal meeting on 23 February 2018, the Heads of State and Government decided to continue the reflection, as well as the technical, legal and political work, in order to make it possible to set up transnational lists for the European elections in 2024;

Or. en
Amendment 119
Leila Chaibi, Helmut Scholz
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Believes that European political parties and movements should play a more central role in the European elections process and should become clearly visible for voters;

Amendment

3. Believes that European and national political parties and movements should play a more central role in the European elections process and should become clearly visible for voters;

Or. en

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Amendment 120
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Believes that European political parties and movements should play a more central role in the European elections process and should become clearly visible for voters;

Amendment

3. Believes that European political parties and electoral associations should play a more central role in the European elections process and should become clearly visible for voters;

Or. en

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Amendment 121
Sven Simon
on behalf of the EPP Group

Esteban González Pons, Rainer Wieland, Loránt Vincze, Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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parties and movements should play a more central role in the European elections process and should become clearly visible for voters;

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Amendment 122
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment

3a. Believes that European political parties and movements should be given more rights and adequate support, including funding, this being necessary to provide more favourable and practical framework conditions for them to fulfil their role and carry out their tasks in European society;

Amendment 123
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution Amendment

4. Observes that diverging electoral cultures have resulted in a range of different electoral systems; considers therefore that common minimum standards are needed, in order to ensure approximation towards a unified European electoral law and equality of the vote for citizens of the Union, including as regards: the right to register a party and to stand for elections; access to ballots; the fielding of candidates;

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 amendment 125

Leila Chaibi, Helmut Scholz
on behalf of The Left Group

4. Reminds that diverging electoral cultures have resulted in a range of different electoral systems; considers that common minimum standards in the European electoral law can promote a genuine public European debate and ensure equality of the vote for citizens of the Union, including as regards to stand for elections; access to ballots; the fielding of candidates; accessibility of voting; or what happens on the day of the elections;
voting; or what happens on the day of the elections; happens on the day of the elections;

Amendment 126
Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff, Brando Benifei, Giuliano Pisapia

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

4. Observes that diverging electoral cultures have resulted in a range of different electoral systems; considers therefore that common minimum standards are needed, in order to ensure approximation towards a unified European electoral law and equality of the vote for citizens of the Union, including as regards: the right to register a party and to stand for elections; access to ballots; the fielding of candidates; accessibility of voting; or what happens on the day of the elections;

Amendment

4. Observes that diverging electoral cultures have resulted in a range of different electoral systems and different voting rights across the EU; considers therefore that common minimum standards are needed, in order to ensure approximation towards a unified European electoral law and equality of the vote for citizens of the Union, including as regards: the right to vote, the right to register a party and to stand for elections; access to ballots; the fielding of candidates; accessibility of voting for all citizens, especially for persons with disabilities; or what happens on the day of the elections;

Amendment 127
Damian Boeselager on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

4. Observes that diverging electoral cultures have resulted in a range of different electoral systems; considers therefore that common minimum standards are needed, in order to ensure approximation towards a unified European electoral law and equality of the vote for

Amendment

4. Observes that diverging electoral cultures have resulted in a range of different electoral systems; considers therefore that common minimum democratic standards are needed, in order to ensure approximation towards a unified European electoral law and towards
citizens of the Union, including as regards: the right to register a party and to stand for elections; access to ballots; the fielding of candidates; accessibility of voting; or what happens on the day of the elections;

approaching equality of the vote of the citizens of the Union, including as regards: the right to register a party and to stand for elections; access to ballots; the fielding of candidates; gender equality; accessibility of voting; or what happens on the day of the elections;

Amendment 128
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

4. Observes that diverging electoral cultures have resulted in a range of different electoral systems; considers therefore that common minimum standards are needed, in order to ensure approximation towards a unified European electoral law and equality of the vote for citizens of the Union, including as regards: the right to register a party and to stand for elections; access to ballots; the fielding of candidates; accessibility of voting; or what happens on the day of the elections;

Or. en

Amendment 129
Leila Chaibi
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

5. Calls for the establishment of a common framework, with benchmarks and
minimum standards for election rules across the EU, and suggests focusing on a strong coordination with national measures for implementing the core of its proposals; calls also for a European electoral reserve period regarding polls to avoid influencing citizens and becoming an obstacle to the personal and free nature of voting; considers this reserve period should start at least two weeks before the elections as it is already the case in some Member States;

Amendment 130
Gerolf Annemans, Laura Huhtasaari, Gilles Lebreton, Antonio Maria Rinaldi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution
5. Calls for the establishment of a common framework, with benchmarks and minimum standards for election rules across the EU, and suggests focusing on a strong coordination with national measures for implementing the core of its proposals;

Amendment
5. Calls for the establishment of a common framework of recommendations, with benchmarks and minimum standards for election rules across the EU, and suggests focusing on a strong coordination with national measures for implementing the core of its proposals, without prejudice to the Member States' authority in the field of electoral law;

Amendment 131
Nathalie Colin-Oesterlé

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution
5a. Calls on the European institutions to take into account the priorities
identified by European citizens in the context of the Conference on the Future of Europe;

Amendment 132
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 – introductory part

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

7. Highlights the links between the suggested measures for the review of the Electoral Act, and the European Parliament’s rules of procedure, the regulation on European Political Parties and the European Commission Democracy Action Plan of December 2020, notably the links between elements such as:

Amendment 133
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 – indent 1

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

- the way in which elections are largely governed by rules applicable only within a particular jurisdiction or that might not have been formulated taking into consideration the borderless online space,

- the way in which elections are governed, namely by rules applicable only within a particular jurisdiction or that might not have been formulated taking into consideration the borderless online space,
Amendment 134  
Damian Boeselager  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group  

Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 7 – indent 2  

- **stronger** cooperation between regulatory authorities of the Member States **is needed,**  

- **the** cooperation between regulatory authorities of the Member States, **which needs to be strengthened,**

Or. en

Amendment 135  
Damian Boeselager  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group  

Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 7 – indent 3  

- **the goal of more** transparency in political advertising and communication should also be reflected in the provisions of the Electoral Law;  

- transparency in political advertising and communication, **which** should also be reflected in the provisions of the Electoral Law;

Or. en

Amendment 136  
Jacek Saryusz-Wolski  

Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 8  

8. **Considers gender equality to be a key horizontal element for improving the quality of EU democracy and enhancing a European public space; calls on Member States to apply this principle and the provisions contained in the Parliament’s**

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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Considers gender equality to be a key horizontal element for improving the quality of EU democracy and enhancing a European public space; calls on Member States to apply this principle and the provisions contained in the Parliament’s proposal in the attached legislative act in a comprehensive way, in accordance with their own competences; calls for the introduction of lists of candidates with an equal number of male and female candidates for the electable places, for example through the use of zipped lists or other equivalent methods, since, in many Member States, there is no legislation that ensures political gender parity in elections;

Or. en

Amendment 138
Sven Simon
on behalf of the EPP Group
8. Considers gender equality to be a key horizontal element for improving the quality of EU democracy and enhancing a European public space; calls on Member States to apply this principle and the provisions contained in the Parliament’s proposal in the attached legislative act in a comprehensive way, in accordance with their own competences; calls for the introduction of lists of candidates with an equal number of male and female candidates for the electable places, for example through the use of zipped lists or other equivalent methods, since, in many Member States, there is no legislation that ensures political gender parity in elections;

8. Considers gender equality to be a key element for improving representation in elections; considers quotas based on identity categories to be no issue for European legislation as in some Member States constitutional courts have judged them to be in contradiction of freedom of association.

Amendment 139
Gerolf Annemans, Laura Huhtasaari, Gilles Lebreton, Antonio Maria Rinaldi

8. Considers gender equality to be a key horizontal element for improving the quality of EU democracy and enhancing a European public space; calls on Member States to apply this principle and the provisions contained in the Parliament’s proposal in the attached legislative act in a comprehensive way, in accordance with their own competences; calls for the introduction of lists of candidates with an equal number of male and female candidates for the electable places, for

8. Considers gender equality to be a key horizontal element for improving the quality of EU democracy and enhancing a European public space; calls on Member States to apply this principle and the provisions contained in the Parliament’s proposal in the attached legislative act in a comprehensive way, in accordance with their own competences; further calls on Member States to increase efforts to ensure gender equality and equal opportunities in the European electoral
example through the use of zipped lists or other equivalent methods, since, in many Member States, there is no legislation that ensures political gender parity in elections;

Amendment 140
Leila Chaibi, Helmut Scholz on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

8. Considers gender equality to be a key horizontal element for improving the quality of EU democracy and enhancing a European public space; calls on Member States to apply this principle and the provisions contained in the Parliament’s proposal in the attached legislative act in a comprehensive way, in accordance with their own competences; calls for the introduction of lists of candidates with an equal number of male and female candidates for the electable places, for example through the use of zipped lists or other equivalent methods, since, in many Member States, there is no legislation that ensures political gender parity in elections;

Considers gender equality to be a key horizontal element for improving the quality of EU democracy and enhancing a European public space; calls on Member States to apply this principle and the provisions contained in the Parliament’s proposal in the attached legislative act in a comprehensive way, in accordance with their own competences; calls for the introduction of lists of candidates with an equal number of male and female candidates for the electable places, for example through the use of zipped lists or other equivalent methods, since, in many Member States, there is no legislation that ensures political gender parity in elections; considers that the preferential vote should provide an even number of female and male candidates, alternating according to gender;

Amendment 141
Damian Boeselager on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8
Motion for a resolution

8. Considers gender equality to be a key horizontal element for improving the quality of EU democracy and enhancing a European public space; calls on Member States to apply this principle and the provisions contained in the Parliament’s proposal in the attached legislative act in a comprehensive way, in accordance with their own competences; calls for the introduction of lists of candidates with an equal number of male and female candidates for the electable places, for example through the use of zipped lists or other equivalent methods, since, in many Member States, there is no legislation that ensures political gender parity in elections;

Amendment

8. Considers gender equality to be a key horizontal element for ensuring the protection of women’s civic rights, improving the quality of EU democracy and enhancing a European public space; calls on Member States to apply this principle and the provisions contained in the Parliament’s proposal in the attached legislative act in a comprehensive way, in accordance with their own competences; calls for the introduction of lists of candidates with an equal number of male and female candidates for the electable places, for example through the use of zipped lists, since, in many Member States, there is no legislation that ensures political gender parity in elections;

Or. en

Amendment 142
Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Considers gender equality to be a key horizontal element for improving the quality of EU democracy and enhancing a European public space; calls on Member States to apply this principle and the provisions contained in the Parliament’s proposal in the attached legislative act in a comprehensive way, in accordance with their own competences; calls for the introduction of lists of candidates with an equal number of male and female candidates for the electable places, for example through the use of zipped lists or other equivalent methods, since, in many Member States, there is no legislation that ensures political gender parity in elections;

Amendment

8. Considers gender equality to be a key horizontal element for improving the quality of EU democracy and enhancing a European public space; calls on Member States to apply this principle and the provisions contained in the Parliament’s proposal in the attached legislative act in a comprehensive way, in accordance with their own competences; calls for the introduction of lists of candidates with an equal number of male and female candidates for the electable places, for example through the use of zipped lists or other equivalent methods, since, in many Member States, there is no legislation that ensures political gender parity in elections;
Amendment 143
Loránt Vincze, Herbert Dorfmann, François Alfonsi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

8a. Regrets that most national and linguistic minorities are not usually represented in the European Parliament because they are too small to obtain a seat of their own; points out in this regard the effective barrier that electoral thresholds represent for parties representing minority communities running in single national constituencies or in large, densely populated constituencies;

Amendment 144
Nathalie Colin-Oesterlé

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

8a. Welcomes the overall improvement in gender equality in the last elections; stresses, however, that there are significant differences between Member States, with some not having elected to Parliament a single woman;

Amendment 145
Leila Chaibi
on behalf of The Left Group
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment

8a. Considers that it is urgent to look into solutions to allow members on maternity, paternity, parental and long sick leave to ensure that their seat is not left vacant;

Or. en

Amendment 146
Loránt Vincze, Herbert Dorfmann, François Alfonsi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 b (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment

8b. Regrets that there are only two Member States which have special provisions for the Election of the European Parliament for minorities; Commends in this regard the good practices from Belgium in relation to the German minority and from Italy in relation to the French linguistic minority of Valle d’Aosta, the German one in Bolzano and the Slovenian in Friuli-Venezia Giulia;

Or. en

Amendment 147
Loránt Vincze, Herbert Dorfmann, François Alfonsi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 c (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment

8c. Reiterates its call on the
Commission and the Member States to guarantee equal opportunities for national and ethnic minorities to participate in political and social life and its encouragement of Member States to adopt electoral systems and laws facilitating the representation of national and ethnic minorities1a; points out that the same principle should be applied in the elections for the European Parliament;


Amendment 148
Loránt Vincze, Herbert Dorfmann, François Alfonsi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 d (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment

8d. Stresses that the legitimacy of the democratic institutions is based on participation and representation of all groups in society, including persons belonging to national and linguistic minorities;

Amendment 149
Loránt Vincze, Herbert Dorfmann, François Alfonsi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 e (new)
8e. Considers therefore that the European electoral law should provide a derogation from nationally provided thresholds for parties representing recognized national and linguistic minorities or groupings of such parties in order to increase the chances of national and linguistic minorities to participate in the political life of the Union and to be represented in the European Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 150
Loránt Vincze, Herbert Dorfmann, François Alfonsi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 f (new)

8f. Strongly regrets that there are still Member States in the European Union whose election laws de jure prohibit the creation of parties based on ethnic, racial or religious lines or which expressly prohibit the use of mother tongue for minorities in election campaigns; considers that such practices are discriminatory, create unjustified electoral barriers and limit access to voters and political participation in elections and beyond and should therefore be banned;

Or. en

Amendment 151
Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9
9. Considers it essential that both European and national political parties and movements adopt democratic, informed and transparent procedures for the selection of candidates to the European Parliament, including the lead candidate, ensuring the direct involvement of individual citizens who are party members, including, but not limited to, the election of delegates; considers that such democratic selection should be accompanied by the necessary information as regards the capacities and performance of the aspiring candidates;

Amendment 152
Leila Chaibi
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Considers it interesting that both European and national political parties and movements ensure the direct involvement of individual citizens who are party members for the selection of candidates to the European Parliament or any other kind of consultation and support;

Or. en
Amendment 153
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Considers it essential that both European and national political parties and movements adopt democratic, informed and transparent procedures for the selection of candidates to the European Parliament, including the lead candidate, ensuring the direct involvement of individual citizens who are party members, including, but not limited to, the election of delegates; considers that such democratic selection should be accompanied by the necessary information as regards the capacities and performance of the aspiring candidates;

Amendment

9. Considers it essential that both European and national political parties and electoral associations adopt democratic, informed and transparent procedures for the selection of candidates to the European Parliament, including the lead candidate, ensuring the direct involvement of individual citizens who are party members, including, but not limited to, the election of delegates; considers that such democratic selection should be accompanied by the necessary information as regards the capacities and performance of the aspiring candidates;

Or. en

Amendment 154
Sven Simon
on behalf of the EPP Group
Esteban González Pons, Rainer Wieland, Loránt Vincze, Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Considers it essential that both European and national political parties and movements adopt democratic, informed and transparent procedures for the selection of candidates to the European Parliament, including the lead candidate, ensuring the direct involvement of individual citizens who are party members, including, but not limited to, the election of delegates; considers that such democratic selection should be accompanied by the necessary information

Amendment

9. Considers it essential that both European and national political parties adopt democratic, informed and transparent procedures for the selection of candidates to the European Parliament, including the lead candidate, ensuring the direct involvement of individual citizens who are party members, including, but not limited to, the election of delegates; considers that such democratic selection should be accompanied by the necessary information
information as regards the capacities and performance of the aspiring candidates; as regards the capacities and performance of the aspiring candidates;

Amendment 155
Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution Amendment

10. Believes that all European voters should be allowed to indicate their preferred candidate for the President of the Commission, and that leading candidates should be able to stand in all Member States, nominated by a European political party, by a movement or by a coalition of European parties, putting forward a common electoral programme;

Amendment 156
Gerolf Annemans, Laura Huhtasaari, Gilles Lebreton, Antonio Maria Rinaldi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution Amendment

10. Believes that all European voters should be allowed to indicate their preferred candidate for the President of the Commission, and that leading candidates should be able to stand in all Member States, nominated by a European political party, by a movement or by a coalition of European parties, putting forward a common electoral programme;
Amendment 157
Nathalie Colin-Oesterlé

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

10. Believes that all European voters should be allowed to indicate their preferred candidate for the President of the Commission, and that leading candidates should be able to stand in all Member States, nominated by a European political party, by a movement or by a coalition of European parties, putting forward a common electoral programme;

Amendment

10. Believes that all European voters should be allowed to indicate their preferred candidate for the President of the Commission;

Or. fr

Amendment 158
Loránt Vincze

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

10. Believes that all European voters should be allowed to indicate their preferred candidate for the President of the Commission, and that leading candidates should be able to stand in all Member States, nominated by a European political party, by a movement or by a coalition of European parties, putting forward a common electoral programme;

Amendment

10. Believes that all European voters should be able to identify their preferred candidate for the President of the Commission, nominated by a European political party, putting forward a common electoral programme;

Or. en

Amendment 159
Miapetra Kumpula-Natri
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

10. Believes that all European voters should be allowed to indicate their preferred candidate for the President of the Commission, and that leading candidates should be able to stand in all Member States, nominated by a European political party, by a movement or by a coalition of European parties, putting forward a common electoral programme;

Amendment

10. Believes that all European voters should be allowed to indicate their preferred candidate for the President of the Commission nominated by a European political party, by a movement or by a coalition of European parties, putting forward a common electoral programme;

Amendment 160
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

10. Believes that all European voters should be allowed to indicate their preferred candidate for the President of the Commission, and that leading candidates should be able to stand in all Member States, nominated by a European political party, by a movement or by a coalition of European parties, putting forward a common electoral programme;

Amendment

10. Believes that all European voters should be allowed to indicate their preferred candidate for the President of the Commission, and that leading candidates should be able to stand in all Member States, nominated by a European political party, by a European electoral association or by a coalition of European parties, putting forward a common electoral programme;

Amendment 161
Sven Simon
on behalf of the EPP Group
Esteban González Pons, Rainer Wieland, Loránt Vincze, Vladimír Bilčík
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

10. Believes that all European voters should be allowed to indicate their preferred candidate for the President of the Commission, and that leading candidates should be able to stand in all Member States, nominated by a European political party, by a movement or by a coalition of European parties, putting forward a common electoral programme;

Amendment

10. Believes that all European voters should be allowed to indicate their preferred candidate for the President of the Commission, and that leading candidates should be able to stand in all Member States, nominated by a European political party putting forward a common electoral programme;

Amendment 162
Sandro Gozi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

10. Believes that all European voters should be allowed to indicate their preferred candidate for the President of the Commission, and that leading candidates should be able to stand in all Member States, nominated by a European political party, by a movement or by a coalition of European parties, putting forward a common electoral programme;

Amendment

10. Believes that all European voters should be allowed to vote their preferred candidate for the President of the Commission, and that leading candidates should be able to stand in all Member States, nominated by a European political party, by a movement or by a coalition of European parties, putting forward a common electoral programme;

Amendment 163
Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11
11. **Calls on European political parties** and movements to **nominate** their candidates for the position of President of the Commission - or common candidates of a coalition of European parties and movements - at least 12 weeks before the start of the electoral period; considers that binding democratic procedures and transparency in the selection should be ensured; expects candidates to be placed in the first position of the corresponding list of the joint constituency;

Amendment 165
Loránt Vincze

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

11. **Encourages** political parties and movements to **indicate** their candidates for the position of President of the Commission before the start of the electoral period, **in order to ensure the democratic scrutiny and a fully informed choice of EU citizens when voting** in the European elections;

Or. en
Motion for a resolution

11. Calls on European political parties and movements to nominate their candidates for the position of President of the Commission - or common candidates of a coalition of European parties and movements - at least 12 weeks before the start of the electoral period; considers that binding democratic procedures and transparency in the selection should be ensured; expects candidates to be placed in the first position of the corresponding list of the joint constituency;

Amendment

11. Calls on European political parties and movements to nominate their candidates for the position of President of the Commission at least 12 weeks before the start of the electoral period; considers that binding democratic procedures and transparency in the selection should be ensured;

Amendment 166
Nathalie Colin-Oesterlé

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Calls on European political parties and movements to nominate their candidates for the position of President of the Commission - or common candidates of a coalition of European parties and movements - at least 12 weeks before the start of the electoral period; considers that binding democratic procedures and transparency in the selection should be ensured; expects candidates to be placed in the first position of the corresponding list of the joint constituency;

Amendment

11. Calls on European political parties and movements to nominate their candidates for the position of President of the Commission - or common candidates of a coalition of European parties and movements - at least 12 weeks before the start of the electoral period; considers that binding democratic procedures and transparency in the selection should be ensured;

Amendment 167
Miapetra Kumpula-Natri
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

11. Calls on European political parties and movements to nominate their candidates for the position of President of the Commission - or common candidates of a coalition of European parties and movements - at least 12 weeks before the start of the electoral period; considers that binding democratic procedures and transparency in the selection should be ensured; expects candidates to be placed in the first position of the corresponding list of the joint constituency;

Amendment

11. Calls on European political parties and movements to nominate their candidates for the position of President of the Commission - or common candidates of a coalition of European parties and movements - at least 12 weeks before the start of the electoral period; considers that binding democratic procedures and transparency in the selection should be ensured;

Or. en

Amendment 168
Sven Simon
on behalf of the EPP Group
Esteban González Pons, Rainer Wieland, Loránt Vincze, Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

11. Calls on European political parties and movements to nominate their candidates for the position of President of the Commission - or common candidates of a coalition of European parties and movements - at least 12 weeks before the start of the electoral period; considers that binding democratic procedures and transparency in the selection should be ensured; expects candidates to be placed in the first position of the corresponding list of the joint constituency;

Amendment

11. Calls on European political parties to nominate their candidates for the position of President of the Commission at least 12 weeks before the start of the electoral period; considers that binding democratic procedures and transparency in the selection should be ensured; expects candidates to be placed in the first position of the corresponding list of the joint constituency;

Or. en
Amendment 169
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Calls on European political parties and movements to nominate their candidates for the position of President of the Commission - or common candidates of a coalition of European parties and movements - at least 12 weeks before the start of the electoral period; considers that binding democratic procedures and transparency in the selection should be ensured; expects candidates to be placed in the first position of the corresponding list of the joint constituency;

Amendment

11. Calls on European political parties and European electoral associations to nominate their candidates for the position of President of the Commission - or common candidates of a coalition of European parties - at least 12 weeks before the election day; considers that binding democratic procedures and transparency in the selection should be ensured; expects candidates to be placed in the first position of the corresponding list of the joint constituency;

Amendment 170
Leila Chaibi
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Calls on European political parties and movements to nominate their candidates for the position of President of the Commission - or common candidates of a coalition of European parties and movements - at least 12 weeks before the start of the electoral period; considers that binding democratic procedures and transparency in the selection should be ensured; expects candidates to be placed in the first position of the corresponding list of the joint constituency;

Amendment

11. Proposes, in order to strengthen the voice of European citizens, that the Spitzenkandidaten process should not be restricted to European political parties only but to coalitions of national parties or movements too; calls on European political parties and movements to nominate their candidates for the position of President of the Commission - or common candidates of a coalition of European parties and movements - at least 12 weeks before the start of the electoral period; considers that binding democratic procedures and transparency in the selection should be ensured; expects candidates to be placed in the first position
of the corresponding list of the joint constituency;

Amendment 171
Leila Chaibi
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

11a. Suggests a rule requiring a male and female candidates for the Presidency of the European Commission proposed by each European political party or each coalition of national parties or movements;

Amendment 172
Leila Chaibi
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 b (new)

11b. Calls for a revision of the Treaties and the Electoral Act to allow a union of parties or movements representing at least a quarter of the Member States to also be able to propose a candidate to head the European Commission;

Amendment 173
Angel Dzhambazki
12. **Calls for** enhancing the visibility of European parties and movements through media campaigns and on ballot papers and all electoral materials; determines that national parties shall indicate their affiliation to the European political parties and to the corresponding lead candidate during the electoral campaign;

12. **Believes that** enhancing the visibility of European parties and movements through media campaigns could contribute to the informed choice of the citizens;

Amendment 174
Gerolf Annemans, Laura Huhtasaari, Gilles Lebreton, Antonio Maria Rinaldi

12. **Calls for** enhancing the visibility of European parties and movements through media campaigns and on ballot papers and all electoral materials; determines that national parties shall indicate their affiliation to the European political parties and to the corresponding lead candidate during the electoral campaign;

Amendment 175
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

12. **Calls for** enhancing the visibility of European parties and movements through media campaigns and on ballot papers and all electoral materials; determines that national parties can indicate their affiliation to the European political parties;
European parties and movements through media campaigns and on ballot papers and all electoral materials; determines that national parties shall indicate their affiliation to the European political parties and to the corresponding lead candidate during the electoral campaign;

Amendment 176
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

12. Calls for enhancing the visibility of European parties and movements through media campaigns and on ballot papers and all electoral materials; determines that national parties shall indicate their affiliation to the European political parties and to the corresponding lead candidate during the electoral campaign;

12. Calls for enhancing the visibility of European parties and electoral associations through media campaigns and on ballot papers and all electoral materials; determines that national parties shall indicate their affiliation to the European political parties and to the corresponding lead candidate during the electoral campaign;

Amendment 177
Sven Simon
on behalf of the EPP Group

Esteban González Pons, Rainer Wieland, Loránt Vincze, Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

12. Calls for enhancing the visibility of European parties and movements through media campaigns and on ballot papers and all electoral materials; determines that national parties shall indicate their affiliation to the European political parties and to the corresponding lead candidate during the electoral campaign;
all electoral materials; determines that national parties shall indicate their affiliation to the European political parties and to the corresponding lead candidate during the electoral campaign;

materials; determines that national parties shall indicate their affiliation to the European political parties and to the corresponding lead candidate during the electoral campaign;

Or. en

Amendment 178
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment

12a. Calls for national and, possibly, European Union constituency ballot papers to show the name and visual identity of the European political party or movement to which the candidate or his/her political formation is affiliated;

Or. ro

Amendment 179
Nathalie Colin-Oesterlé

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment

12a. 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;

Or. fr

Amendment 180
Leila Chaibi
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

13. Expects the leaders of the European political parties and parliamentary groups to agree on a common indication to the European Council on the basis of the outcome of the European elections as well as on the availability of a potential majority in the newly elected Parliament as regards the nomination of a candidate for President of the European Commission; expects the President of the European Council to consult the said leaders of the European political parties and parliamentary groups in order to inform the nomination process, considers that this process could be formalised by a political agreement between the European political parties and by an Inter-Institutional Agreement between Parliament and European Council;

Amendment

13. Expects the President of the European Council to consult the said leaders of the European political parties, European political coalition and parliamentary groups in order to inform the nomination process, considers that this process could be formalised by an Inter-Institutional Agreement between Parliament and European Council;

Amendment 181

Sven Simon
on behalf of the EPP Group
Esteban González Pons, Rainer Wieland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

13. Expects the leaders of the European political parties and parliamentary groups to agree on a common indication to the European Council on the basis of the outcome of the European elections as well as on the availability of a potential majority in the newly elected Parliament as regards the nomination of a candidate for

Amendment

13. Expects the leaders of the European political parties and parliamentary groups to agree on a common indication to the European Council on the basis of the outcome of the European elections; expects that the lead candidate whose European political party has received the overall highest number of votes in the Union-
President of the European Commission; expects the President of the European Council to consult the said leaders of the European political parties and parliamentary groups in order to inform the nomination process, considers that this process could be formalised by a political agreement between the European political parties and by an Inter-Institutional Agreement between Parliament and European Council;

**Amendment 182**

**Damian Boeselager**
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Motion for a resolution**
**Paragraph 13**

*Motion for a resolution*

13. Expects the leaders of the European political parties and parliamentary groups to agree on a common indication to the European Council on the basis of the outcome of the European elections as well as on the availability of a potential majority in the newly elected Parliament as regards the nomination of a candidate for President of the European Commission; expects the President of the European Council to consult the said leaders of the European political parties and parliamentary groups in order to inform the nomination process, considers that this process could be formalised by a political agreement between the European political parties and by an Inter-Institutional Agreement between Parliament and European Council;

*Amendment*

13. Expects the leaders of the parliamentary groups to agree on a common indication to the European Council on the basis of the outcome of the European elections as well as on the availability of a potential majority in the newly elected Parliament as regards the nomination of a candidate for President of the European Commission; expects the President of the European Council to consult the said leaders of the parliamentary groups in order to inform the nomination process, considers that this process could be formalised by an Inter-Institutional Agreement between Parliament and European Council;
Amendment 183
Leila Chaibi
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

14. Proposes establishing the practice for interested parliamentary groups to conclude a “legislature agreement” in order to ensure a political follow-up to the European elections and as a way to secure a majority within the Parliament ahead of the appointment of the Commission;

Amendment 184
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

14. Proposes establishing the practice for interested parliamentary groups to conclude a “legislature agreement” in order to ensure a political follow-up to the European elections and as a way to secure a majority within the Parliament ahead of the appointment of the Commission;

Amendment 185
Nathalie Colin-Oesterlé
15. Considers that the introduction of a joint constituency from which forty-six members of the European Parliament shall be elected and in which lists are headed by each political family’s candidate for the post of President of the Commission could offer an opportunity to enhance the democratic and transnational dimension of the European elections; believes that the goal of establishing a joint constituency is achievable only if geographical, demographic and gender balance is ensured, by guaranteeing that smaller Member States are not put at a competitive disadvantage compared to the larger Member States; suggests in this respect introducing binding demographic representation in the lists for the joint constituency, such as maximum thresholds for candidates residing in the same Member State and a minimum obligatory representation of nationals of different Member States; encourages European parties and movements to appoint candidates in the joint lists coming from all Member States;

Or. fr

Amendment 186
Vladimír Bilčík

15. Considers that the introduction of a joint constituency from which forty-six members of the European Parliament shall be elected and in which lists are
headed by each political family’s candidate for the post of President of the Commission could offer an opportunity to enhance the democratic and transnational dimension of the European elections; believes that the goal of establishing a joint constituency is achievable only if geographical, demographic and gender balance is ensured, by guaranteeing that smaller Member States are not put at a competitive disadvantage compared to the larger Member States; suggests in this respect introducing binding demographic representation in the lists for the joint constituency, such as maximum thresholds for candidates residing in the same Member State and a minimum obligatory representation of nationals of different Member States; encourages European parties and movements to appoint candidates in the joint lists coming from all Member States;

Amendment 187
Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution  Amendment

15. Considers that the introduction of a joint constituency from which forty-six members of the European Parliament shall be elected and in which lists are headed by each political family’s candidate for the post of President of the Commission could offer an opportunity to enhance the democratic and transnational dimension of the European elections; believes that the goal of establishing a joint constituency is achievable only if geographical, demographic and gender balance is ensured, by guaranteeing that smaller Member States are not put at a
competitive disadvantage compared to the larger Member States; suggests in this respect introducing binding demographic representation in the lists for the joint constituency, such as maximum thresholds for candidates residing in the same Member State and a minimum obligatory representation of nationals of different Member States; encourages European parties and movements to appoint candidates in the joint lists coming from all Member States;

Amendment 188
Gerolf Annemans, Laura Huhtasaari, Gilles Lebreton, Antonio Maria Rinaldi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

15. Considers that the introduction of a joint constituency from which forty-six members of the European Parliament shall be elected and in which lists are headed by each political family’s candidate for the post of President of the Commission could offer an opportunity to enhance the democratic and transnational dimension of the European elections; believes that the goal of establishing a joint constituency is achievable only if geographical, demographic and gender balance is ensured, by guaranteeing that smaller Member States are not put at a competitive disadvantage compared to the larger Member States; suggests in this respect introducing binding demographic representation in the lists for the joint constituency, such as maximum thresholds for candidates residing in the same Member State and a minimum obligatory representation of nationals of different Member States; encourages European parties and movements to
appoint candidates in the joint lists coming from all Member States;

Amendment 189
Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

15. Considers that the introduction of a joint constituency from which forty-six members of the European Parliament shall be elected and in which lists are headed by each political family’s candidate for the post of President of the Commission could offer an opportunity to enhance the democratic and transnational dimension of the European elections; believes that the goal of establishing a joint constituency is achievable only if geographical, demographic and gender balance is ensured, by guaranteeing that smaller Member States are not put at a competitive disadvantage compared to the larger Member States; suggests in this respect introducing binding demographic representation in the lists for the joint constituency, such as maximum thresholds for candidates residing in the same Member State and a minimum obligatory representation of nationals of different Member States; encourages European parties and movements to appoint candidates in the joint lists coming from all Member States;

Amendment 190
Loránt Vincze
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

15. Considers that the introduction of a joint constituency from which forty-six members of the European Parliament shall be elected and in which lists are headed by each political family’s candidate for the post of President of the Commission could offer an opportunity to enhance the democratic and transnational dimension of the European elections; believes that the goal of establishing a joint constituency is achievable only if geographical, demographic and gender balance is ensured, by guaranteeing that smaller Member States are not put at a competitive disadvantage compared to the larger Member States; suggests in this respect introducing binding demographic representation in the lists for the joint constituency, such as maximum thresholds for candidates residing in the same Member State and a minimum obligatory representation of nationals of different Member States; encourages European parties and movements to appoint candidates in the joint lists coming from all Member States;

Amendment 191
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

15. Considers that the goal of establishing a joint constituency is achievable only if geographical, demographic and gender balance is ensured, by guaranteeing that smaller
candidate for the post of President of the Commission could offer an opportunity to enhance the democratic and transnational dimension of the European elections; believes that the goal of establishing a joint constituency is achievable only if geographical, demographic and gender balance is ensured, by guaranteeing that smaller Member States are not put at a competitive disadvantage compared to the larger Member States; suggests in this respect introducing binding demographic representation in the lists for the joint constituency, such as maximum thresholds for candidates residing in the same Member State and a minimum obligatory representation of nationals of different Member States; encourages European parties and movements to appoint candidates in the joint lists coming from all Member States;

Amendment 192
Sven Simon
on behalf of the EPP Group
Esteban González Pons, Rainer Wieland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

15. Considers that the introduction of a joint constituency from which forty-six members of the European Parliament shall be elected and in which lists are headed by each political family’s candidate for the post of President of the Commission could offer an opportunity to enhance the democratic and transnational dimension of the European elections; believes that the goal of establishing a joint constituency is achievable only if geographical, demographic and gender balance is ensured, by guaranteeing that smaller Member States are not put at a competitive disadvantage compared to the larger Member States; suggests in this respect introducing demographic representation in the lists for the joint constituency, such as maximum thresholds for candidates residing in the same Member State and a minimum obligatory representation of nationals of different Member States; encourages European parties and movements to appoint candidates in the joint lists coming from all Member States;
Member States are not put at a competitive disadvantage compared to the larger Member States; suggests in this respect introducing binding demographic representation in the lists for the joint constituency, such as maximum thresholds for candidates residing in the same Member State and a minimum obligatory representation of nationals of different Member States; encourages European parties and movements to appoint candidates in the joint lists coming from all Member States;

disadvantage compared to the larger Member States; suggests in this respect that one seat per member state is allocated in the joint constituency;

Amendment 193
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

15. Considers that the introduction of a joint constituency from which forty-six members of the European Parliament shall be elected and in which lists are headed by each political family’s candidate for the post of President of the Commission could offer an opportunity to enhance the democratic and transnational dimension of the European elections; believes that the goal of establishing a joint constituency is achievable only if geographical, demographic and gender balance is ensured, by guaranteeing that smaller Member States are not put at a competitive disadvantage compared to the larger Member States; suggests in this respect introducing binding demographic representation in the lists for the joint constituency, such as maximum thresholds for candidates residing in the same Member State and a minimum obligatory representation of nationals of different Member States; encourages European parties and movements to appoint candidates in the joint lists coming from all Member States;
candidates in the _joint_ lists coming from all Member States;

Amendment 194
Guy Verhofstadt, Pascal Durand, Sandro Gozi, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

15. Considers that the introduction of a joint constituency from which forty-six members of the European Parliament shall be elected and in which lists are headed by each political family’s candidate for the post of President of the Commission could offer an opportunity to enhance the democratic and transnational dimension of the European elections; believes that the goal of establishing a joint constituency is achievable only if geographical, demographic and gender balance is ensured, by guaranteeing that smaller Member States are not put at a competitive disadvantage compared to the larger Member States; suggests in this respect introducing binding demographic representation in the lists for the joint constituency, _such as maximum thresholds for candidates residing in the same Member State and a minimum obligatory representation of nationals of different Member States_; encourages European parties and movements to appoint candidates in the joint lists coming from all Member States;

Amendment 195
Leila Chaibi

Or. en
on behalf of The Left Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 15**

15. Considers that the introduction of a joint constituency from which forty-six members of the European Parliament shall be elected and in which lists are headed by each political family’s candidate for the post of President of the Commission could offer an opportunity to enhance the democratic and transnational dimension of the European elections; believes that the goal of establishing a joint constituency is achievable only if geographical, demographic and gender balance is ensured, by guaranteeing that smaller Member States are not put at a competitive disadvantage compared to the larger Member States; suggests in this respect introducing binding demographic representation in the lists for the joint constituency, such as maximum thresholds for candidates residing in the same Member State and a minimum obligatory representation of nationals of different Member States; encourages European parties and movements to appoint candidates in the joint lists coming from all Member States;

15. Considers that the introduction of a joint constituency from which forty-six members of the European Parliament shall be elected and in which lists are headed by each political family’s candidate for the post of President of the Commission could offer an opportunity to enhance the democratic and transnational dimension of the European elections; believes that the goal of establishing a joint constituency is achievable only if geographical, demographic and **compulsory** gender balance is ensured through the use of **zipped lists or other equivalent methods to alternate genders and** by guaranteeing that smaller Member States are not put at a competitive disadvantage compared to the larger Member States; suggests in this respect introducing binding demographic representation in the lists for the joint constituency, such as maximum thresholds for candidates residing in the same Member State and a minimum obligatory representation of nationals of different Member States; encourages European parties and movements to appoint candidates in the joint lists coming from all Member States;

**Amendment 196**

Sandro Gozi

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 15**

15. Considers that the introduction of a joint constituency from which forty-six members of the European Parliament shall be elected and in which lists are headed by each political family’s candidate for the post of President of the Commission could offer an opportunity to enhance the democratic and transnational dimension of the European elections; believes that the goal of establishing a joint constituency is achievable only if geographical, demographic and gender balance is ensured, by guaranteeing that smaller Member States are not put at a competitive disadvantage compared to the larger Member States; suggests in this respect introducing binding demographic representation in the lists for the joint constituency, such as maximum thresholds for candidates residing in the same Member State and a minimum obligatory representation of nationals of different Member States; encourages European parties and movements to appoint candidates in the joint lists coming from all Member States;

**Amendment**

15. Considers that the introduction of a joint constituency from which forty-six members of the European Parliament shall be elected and in which lists are headed by each political family’s candidate for the post of President of the Commission could offer an opportunity to enhance the democratic and transnational dimension of the European elections; believes that the goal of establishing a joint constituency is achievable only if geographical, demographic and **compulsory** gender balance is ensured through the use of **zipped lists or other equivalent methods to alternate genders and** by guaranteeing that smaller Member States are not put at a competitive disadvantage compared to the larger Member States; suggests in this respect introducing binding demographic representation in the lists for the joint constituency, such as maximum thresholds for candidates residing in the same Member State and a minimum obligatory representation of nationals of different Member States; encourages European parties and movements to appoint candidates in the joint lists coming from all Member States;
joint constituency from which forty-six members of the European Parliament shall be elected and in which lists are headed by each political family’s candidate for the post of President of the Commission could offer an opportunity to enhance the democratic and transnational dimension of the European elections; believes that the goal of establishing a joint constituency is achievable only if geographical, demographic and gender balance is ensured, by guaranteeing that smaller Member States are not put at a competitive disadvantage compared to the larger Member States; suggests in this respect introducing binding demographic representation in the lists for the joint constituency, such as maximum thresholds for candidates residing in the same Member State and a minimum obligatory representation of nationals of different Member States; encourages European parties and movements to appoint candidates in the joint lists coming from all Member States;

Amendment 197
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Calls for the European Union constituency list drawn up by the European political party or movement to be headed by its candidate for the post of Commission President;

Or. ro
Amendment 198
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 b (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

15b. Proposes that the person heading the list of the winning European political party or movement in the European Parliament elections be designated to form a parliamentary majority and hence to lead the European Commission;

Or. ro

Amendment 199
Nathalie Colin-Oesterlé

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

16. Believes that transnational lists are a lever that can be used to bring about the formation of true and effective European political parties and movements;

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 200
Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

16. Believes that transnational lists are a lever that can be used to bring about the formation of true and effective European political parties and movements;

deleted
Amendment 201
Loránt Vincze

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

16. Believes that transnational lists are a lever that can be used to bring about the formation of true and effective European political parties and movements;

Amendment 202
Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

16. Believes that transnational lists are a lever that can be used to bring about the formation of true and effective European political parties and movements;

Amendment 203
Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

16. Believes that transnational lists are a lever that can be used to bring about the formation of true and effective European political parties and movements;
Motion for a resolution

16. Believes that transnational lists are a lever that can be used to bring about the formation of true and effective European political parties and movements;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 204
Gerolf Annemans, Laura Huhtasaari, Gilles Lebreton, Antonio Maria Rinaldi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Believes that transnational lists are a lever that can be used to bring about the formation of true and effective European political parties and movements;

Amendment

16. Believes that European elections are a collection of national processes, in which European political parties and movements can play an important role;

Or. en

Amendment 205
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Believes that transnational lists are a lever that can be used to bring about the formation of true and effective European political parties and movements;

Amendment

16. Believes that transnational lists are not the appropriate solution for creating effective European political parties and movements;

Or. en

Amendment 206
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

16. Believes that **transnational** lists are a lever that can be used to bring about the formation of true and effective European political parties and **movements**;

Amendment

16. Believes that **pan-European** lists are a lever that can be used to bring about the formation of true and effective European political parties and **electoral associations**;

Or. en

Amendment 207

Leila Chaibi
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

16. Believes that transnational lists are a lever that can be used to bring about the formation of **true and** effective European political parties and movements;

Amendment

16. Believes that transnational lists are a lever that can be used to bring about the formation of effective European political parties and movements;

Or. en

Amendment 208

Sven Simon
on behalf of the EPP Group
Esteban González Pons, Rainer Wieland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

16. Believes that transnational lists are a lever that can be used to bring about the formation of true and effective European political parties and movements;

Amendment

16. Believes that transnational lists are a lever that can be used to bring about the formation of true and effective European political parties;

Or. en
Amendment 209
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

16a. Calls for transnational lists to represent all areas of the European Union fairly and for all European citizens to be assured of representation in the European Parliament;

Or. ro

Amendment 210
Nathalie Colin-Oesterlé

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

17. Suggests including common provisions governing expenditure linked to the European electoral campaign for each entity admitted for the purpose of tabling a list of candidates for members of the European Parliament in the Union-wide constituency; calls for strong coordination with the upcoming revision of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/20214 on this matter;

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 211
Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17
17. Suggests including common provisions governing expenditure linked to the European electoral campaign for each entity admitted for the purpose of tabling a list of candidates for members of the European Parliament in the Union-wide constituency; calls for strong coordination with the upcoming revision of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/20214 on this matter;
17. Suggests including common provisions governing expenditure linked to the European electoral campaign for each entity admitted for the purpose of tabling a list of candidates for members of the European Parliament in the Union-wide constituency; calls for strong coordination with the upcoming revision of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/20214 on this matter;

Or. en

Amendment 214
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

17. Suggests including common provisions governing expenditure linked to the European electoral campaign for each entity admitted for the purpose of tabling a list of candidates for members of the European Parliament in the Union-wide constituency; calls for **strong coordination with the upcoming revision of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/20214 on this matter**;

Or. en

Amendment 215
Gerolf Annemans, Laura Huhtasaari, Gilles Lebreton, Antonio Maria Rinaldi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

17. Suggests including common provisions governing expenditure linked to the European electoral campaign for each entity admitted for the purpose of tabling a list of candidates for members of the European Parliament in the Union-wide constituency; calls for **amending the relevant provisions in Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/20214 in order to allow European political parties to fund campaigns supporting candidacies in the EU-wide constituency**;

Or. en
17. Suggests including common provisions governing expenditure linked to the European electoral campaign for each entity admitted for the purpose of tabling a list of candidates for members of the European Parliament in the Union-wide constituency; calls for strong coordination with the upcoming revision of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/20214 on this matter;

Amendment 216
Sven Simon
on behalf of the EPP Group
Esteban González Pons, Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

17. Suggests including common provisions governing expenditure linked to the European electoral campaign for each entity admitted for the purpose of tabling a list of candidates for members of the European Parliament in the Union-wide constituency; calls for strong coordination with the upcoming revision of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/20214 on this matter;

Amendment 217
Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

17. Suggests including common provisions governing expenditure linked to the European electoral campaign for each entity admitted for the purpose of tabling a list of candidates for members of the European Parliament in the Union-wide constituency; calls for strong coordination with the upcoming revision of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/20214 on this matter;
Motion for a resolution

17. Suggests including common provisions governing expenditure linked to the European electoral campaign for each entity admitted for the purpose of tabling a list of candidates for members of the European Parliament in the Union-wide constituency; calls for strong coordination with the upcoming revision of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/20214 on this matter;

Amendment

17. Suggests including common provisions governing expenditure linked to the European electoral campaign for each entity admitted for the purpose of tabling a list of candidates for members of the European Parliament; calls for strong coordination with the upcoming revision of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/20214 on this matter;

Or. en

Amendment 218
Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Brando Benifei, Giuliano Pisapia, Miroslav Čiž

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

17a. Considers that funding of European political parties from the general budget of the European Union or from any other source may be used to finance campaigns conducted by the European electoral entities in the context of elections to the European Parliament in which they or their members participate; considers that funding and possible limitation of election expenses for all political parties, candidates and third parties in the national constituencies, in addition to their participation in elections to the European Parliament, should be governed in each Member State by its national provisions;

Amendment

17a. Suggests including common provisions governing expenditure linked to the European electoral campaign for each entity admitted for the purpose of tabling a list of candidates for members of the European Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 219
Jacek Saryusz-Wolski
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

18. Recalls that the minimum age for eligibility to stand as a candidate across the 27 Member States varies between 18 and 25; calls for the introduction of a single, harmonised age for passive and active voting rights across Member States as a way to ensure real voting equality and to avoid discrimination in the most fundamental area of citizenship, namely the right to participate in the democratic process;

Amendment

Amendment 220
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

18. Recalls that the minimum age for eligibility to stand as a candidate across the 27 Member States varies between 18 and 25; calls for the introduction of a single, harmonised age for passive and active voting rights across Member States as a way to ensure real voting equality and to avoid discrimination in the most fundamental area of citizenship, namely the right to participate in the democratic process;

Amendment 221
Leila Chaibi, Helmut Scholz on behalf of The Left Group
18. Recalls that the minimum age for eligibility to stand as a candidate across the 27 Member States varies between 18 and 25; calls for the introduction of a single, harmonised age for passive and active voting rights across Member States as a way to ensure real voting equality and to avoid discrimination in the most fundamental area of citizenship, namely the right to participate in the democratic process;

18. Recalls that the minimum age for eligibility to stand as a candidate across the 27 Member States varies between 18 and 25 and the minimum age for eligibility to vote varies between 16 to 18; calls for the introduction of a single, harmonised age for passive and active voting rights across Member States and recommends them to introduce the minimum age of voting rights at 16 as a way to ensure real voting equality and to avoid discrimination in the most fundamental area of citizenship, namely the right to participate in the democratic process; is of the opinion that giving the right to vote at the age of 16 would reflect current rights and duties European youth already have in Member States, for instance paying taxes or having sexual majority;

Or. en

Amendment 222
Gerolf Annemans, Laura Huhtasaari, Gilles Lebreton, Antonio Maria Rinaldi

18. Recalls that the minimum age for eligibility to stand as a candidate across the 27 Member States varies between 18 and 25; calls for the introduction of a single, harmonised age for passive and active voting rights across Member States as a way to ensure real voting equality and to avoid discrimination in the most fundamental area of citizenship, namely the right to participate in the democratic process;

18. Recalls that the minimum age for eligibility to stand as a candidate across the 27 Member States varies between 18 and 25; observes that its determination falls within national competences and encourages the adoption of a recommendation for a single, harmonised age for passive and active voting rights across Member States as a way to ensure real voting equality and to avoid discrimination in the most fundamental area of citizenship, namely the right to
participate in the democratic process;

Amendment 223
Nathalie Colin-Oesterlé

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

18. Recalls that the minimum age for eligibility to stand as a candidate across the 27 Member States varies between 18 and 25; calls for the introduction of a single, harmonised age for passive and active voting rights across Member States as a way to ensure real voting equality and to avoid discrimination in the most fundamental area of citizenship, namely the right to participate in the democratic process;

Or. fr

Amendment 224
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

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18. Recalls that the minimum age for eligibility to stand as a candidate across the 27 Member States varies between 18 and 25; calls on the Member States to coordinate with a view to harmonising the age for passive and active voting rights as a way to ensure real voting equality and to avoid discrimination in the most fundamental area of citizenship, namely the right to participate in the democratic process;

Or. en
participate in the democratic process;

Or. en

Amendment 225
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Recalls that the minimum age for eligibility to stand as a candidate across the 27 Member States varies between 18 and 25; calls for the introduction of a single, harmonised age for passive and active voting rights across Member States as a way to ensure real voting equality and to avoid discrimination in the most fundamental area of citizenship, namely the right to participate in the democratic process;

Amendment

18. Recalls that the minimum age for eligibility to stand as a candidate across the 27 Member States varies between 18 and 25; calls for the introduction of a single, harmonised age at 16 years for passive and active voting rights across Member States as a way to ensure real voting equality and to avoid discrimination in the most fundamental area of citizenship, namely the right to participate in the democratic process;

Or. en

Amendment 226
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

18a. Calls for the voting age to be standardised and proposes that every EU citizen be given the right to vote from the age of 16;

Amendment

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Or. ro

Amendment 227
Guy Verhofstadt, Pascal Durand, Samira Rafaela, Sandro Gozi, Maite Pagazaurtundúa,
Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

18a. Proposes to allow for a temporary replacement of a Member in the case of maternity leave, parental leave or severe illness;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 228
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

19. Considers transparency of the electoral process and access to reliable information to be essential elements for raising European political awareness and securing an election turnout that is high enough to constitute a mandate from the electorate; highlights that citizens shall be informed well in advance - notably 12 weeks before the elections - about the candidates standing in the European elections and about the affiliation of national political parties to a European political party;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 229
Gerolf Annemans, Laura Huhtasaari, Gilles Lebreton, Antonio Maria Rinaldi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

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Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 230
Esteban González Pons, Sven Simon, Francisco José Millán Mon, Rainer Wieland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

19a. Stresses that ballot papers containing the list of candidates for the elections to the European Parliament must not under any circumstances be misleading or deceptive as to the candidate actually voted for; rejects allowing political parties or coalitions in certain areas within a single national constituency to indicate on the ballot paper only the names of certain candidates and substitutes, or to indicate a name, acronym or symbol other than that of the political party or coalition; proposes that the ballot paper for each candidate may not be different within the same national constituency;

Amendment

Or. en
Amendment 231
Nathalie Colin-Oesterlé

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

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Nathalie Colin-Oesterlé

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Amendment

21. Proposes establishing a European Electoral Authority in charge of coordinating information on the European elections, monitoring the implementation of the common standards of the European electoral law and supervising the exchange of information on voting by citizens of the Union outside their home country; considers that such a body could facilitate an efficient exchange of information, and in particular the sharing of best practices, between national bodies; suggests that an essential task of the Authority would be the management of the register of electoral lists for joint constituencies;

Or. fr

Amendment 234
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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Amendment 235
Loránt Vincze

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

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Amendment 236
Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

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Amendment 237
Gerolf Annemans, Laura Huhtasaari, Gilles Lebreton, Antonio Maria Rinaldi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

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Amendment 238
Miapetra Kumpula-Natri
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Amendment 239
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group
lists for joint constituencies; of best practices, between national bodies; suggests that an essential task of the Authority would be the management of the register of electoral lists for the EU-wide constituency;

Amendment 240
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Proposes establishing a European Electoral Authority in charge of coordinating information on the European elections, monitoring the implementation of the common standards of the European electoral law and supervising the exchange of information on voting by citizens of the Union outside their home country; considers that such a body could facilitate an efficient exchange of information, and in particular the sharing of best practices, between national bodies; suggests that an essential task of the Authority would be the management of the register of electoral lists for joint constituencies;

Amendment

21. Proposes establishing a European Electoral Authority in charge of coordinating information on the European elections, coordinating efforts at Union level to ensure the smooth running of elections, including activities to identify and counter the spread of disinformation, monitoring the implementation of the common standards of the European electoral law and supervising the exchange of information on voting by citizens of the Union outside their home country; considers that such a body could facilitate an efficient exchange of information, and in particular the sharing of best practices, between national bodies; suggests that an essential task of the Authority would be the management of the register of electoral lists for joint constituencies;

Amendment 241
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Suggests that common minimum

Amendment

22. Confirms that the establishment of
standards should be defined to introduce uniform requirements for the establishment of electoral lists; electoral lists is a matter of the Member States;

Amendment 242
Leila Chaibi, Helmut Scholz
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Considers it essential to facilitate access to voting in European elections and to guarantee that all those who have the right to vote, including, if they are granted such a right in accordance with national laws, citizens of the Union living outside their country of origin, homeless people and prisoners, are able to exercise this right; calls on Member States to improve access to polling stations and the right to vote for persons with disabilities;

Amendment

23. Considers it essential to facilitate access to voting in European elections and to guarantee that all those who have the right to vote, including, if they are granted such a right in accordance with national laws, citizens of the Union living outside their country of origin, people experiencing homelessness and prisoners, are able to exercise this right; calls on Member States to improve access to polling stations and the right to vote for persons with disabilities by allowing for instance the renting of adapted premises when public structures are not adapted;

Amendment 243
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

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such a right in accordance with national laws, citizens of the Union living outside their country of origin, homeless people and prisoners, are able to exercise this right; calls on Member States to improve access to polling stations and the right to vote for persons with disabilities;

such a right in accordance with national laws, citizens of the Union living outside their country of origin, homeless people and prisoners, are able to exercise this right; calls on Member States to ensure access to information and voting on an equal basis for all citizens, including for persons with disabilities;

Or. en

Amendment 244
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

23. Considers it essential to facilitate access to voting in European elections and to guarantee that all those who have the right to vote, including, if they are granted such a right in accordance with national laws, citizens of the Union living outside their country of origin, homeless people and prisoners, are able to exercise this right; calls on Member States to improve access to polling stations and the right to vote for persons with disabilities;

Or. en

Amendment 245
Leila Chaibi, Helmut Scholz
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 a (new)

23a. Calls on Member States to grant the right to vote and stand as candidate to all persons with disabilities, regardless of
their legal capacity; suggests to introduce measures to maximise accessibility of the elections for citizens with disabilities covering, among others and where appropriate, voting information and registration, polling stations, voting booths and devices and ballot papers; recommends to implement appropriate arrangements tailored to their national voting procedures to facilitate the vote of citizens with disabilities such as the possibility to choose polling station, closed polling stations in key locations, and the use of assistive technologies, formats and techniques like Braille, large print, audio-based information, tactile stencils, easy to read information and sign language communication; calls on Member States to allow persons with disabilities assistance in voting through a person of their own choice, where necessary and at their request;

Or. en

Amendment 246
Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff, Brando Benifei, Giuliano Pisapia

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 a (new)

23a. Calls on Member States to grant the right to vote and stand as candidate to all persons with disabilities, regardless of their legal capacity; suggests to introduce measures to maximise accessibility of the elections for citizens with disabilities covering, among others and where appropriate, voting information and registration, polling stations, voting booths and devices, electronic means of voting, and ballot papers; recommends Member States to implement appropriate arrangements tailored to their national voting procedures to facilitate the vote of
citizens with disabilities such as the possibility to choose polling station, early voting, mobile ballot boxes, closed polling stations in key locations, and the use of assistive technologies; calls on Member States to allow persons with disabilities assistance in voting through a person of their own choice, where necessary and at their request;

Or. en

Amendment 247
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 a (new)

Amendment

23a. Calls for the provisions of Annex 1 of the Regulation that concern Member State classification by population category to be amended as follows: Group A (18.3 million - 83.1 million), Group B (10.7 million - 18.3 million), Group C (6.9 million - 10.2 million), Group D (2.7 million - 5.8 million), Group E (2.7 million - 5.8 million);

Or. ro

Amendment 248
Leila Chaibi, Helmut Scholz
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 b (new)

Amendment

23b. Calls on the Member States to improve their laws in order to make it easier for people experiencing homelessness to vote; emphasises that
insisting that people provide proof of address in order to vote, as laid down in Directive 93/109/EC, can serve to exclude people experiencing homelessness in those countries where they cannot obtain an administrative address; urges that the requirement to provide proof of address be done away with, in order to make it easier for people experiencing homelessness, who are full EU citizens, to vote;

Amendment 249
Leila Chaibi, Helmut Scholz
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

23c. Takes the view that the best way to ensure that all citizens can take part in elections is to guarantee inclusion and thus to put an end to homelessness; calls on the Commission to adopt as a matter of urgency an EU action plan to put an end to homelessness by 2030, to be implemented at national level by the Member States as part of their efforts to combat homelessness; notes, further, that the Commission's guidelines on combating the phenomenon of homelessness date from 2013 (and have still not been translated into the 23 Union languages);

Amendment 250
Angel Dzhambazki
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Calls on Member States to introduce common requirements allowing all citizens of the Union living or working in a third country to be granted the right to cast their vote in elections to the European Parliament;

Amendment

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

24a. Calls on Member States to introduce measures to maximise accessibility of the elections for citizens with disabilities covering, among others and where appropriate, voting information and registration, polling stations, voting booths and devices, electronic means of voting, and ballot papers; recommends to implement appropriate arrangements tailored to their national voting procedures to facilitate the vote of citizens with disabilities such as the possibility to choose polling station, early voting, mobile ballot boxes, closed polling stations in key locations, and the use of assistive technologies, formats and techniques like Braille, large print, audio-based information, tactile stencils, easy to read information and sign language communication; calls on Member States to allow persons with disabilities assistance in voting through a person of their own choice, where necessary and at their request;
Amendment 252
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution
25. Believes that the introduction of postal voting is needed for voters who are unable to go to the polling stations on election day, and that this could make the conduct of European elections more efficient and more appealing for voters in specific or exceptional circumstances; calls on Members States to consider the possible introduction of complementary enhancing tools such as electronic or internet voting, in accordance with their own national traditions, and with appropriate safeguards;

Amendment
25. Believes that the introduction of postal voting or the electronic or vote through the internet, in accordance with the respective national traditions and providing adequate safeguards are in place;

Amendment 253
Sven Simon
on behalf of the EPP Group
Esteban González Pons, Rainer Wieland, Loránt Vincze, Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution
25. Believes that the introduction of postal voting is needed for voters who are unable to go to the polling stations on election day, and that this could make the conduct of European elections more efficient and more appealing for voters in specific or exceptional circumstances; calls on Members States to consider the possible introduction of complementary enhancing tools such as electronic or internet voting, in accordance with their own national traditions, and with appropriate safeguards;

Amendment
25. Believes that the introduction of postal voting is needed for voters who are unable to go to the polling stations on election day, and that this could make the conduct of European elections more efficient and more appealing for voters in specific or exceptional circumstances;
enhancing tools such as electronic or internet voting, in accordance with their own national traditions, and with appropriate safeguards;

Amendment 254
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

25. Believes that the introduction of postal voting is needed for voters who are unable to go to the polling stations on election day, and that this could make the conduct of European elections more efficient and more appealing for voters in specific or exceptional circumstances; calls on Members States to consider the possible introduction of complementary enhancing tools such as electronic or internet voting, in accordance with their own national traditions, and with appropriate safeguards;

Or. en

Amendment 255
Gerolf Annemans, Laura Huhtasaari, Gilles Lebreton, Antonio Maria Rinaldi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

25. Believes that the introduction of advance, postal or proxy voting is needed for voters who are unable to go to the polling stations on election day, and that this could make the conduct of European elections more efficient and more appealing for voters in specific or exceptional circumstances; calls on Members States to consider the possible introduction of complementary enhancing tools such as electronic voting, in accordance with their own national traditions, taking into account Council of Europe’s recommendations in that area and with appropriate safeguards to ensure the accessibility of the system, the reliability and the secrecy of the vote, the protection of personal data in accordance with applicable Union law and full transparency in the design and deployment of the systems;

Or. en
postal voting *is needed* for voters who are unable to go to the polling stations on election day, and that this could make the conduct of European elections more efficient and more appealing for voters in specific or exceptional circumstances; calls on Members States to consider the possible introduction of *complementary enhancing tools such as electronic or internet voting*, in accordance with their own national traditions, and with appropriate safeguards; postal voting *could be useful* for voters who are unable to go to the polling stations on election day, and that this could make the conduct of European elections more efficient and more appealing for voters in specific or exceptional circumstances; calls *in this regard* on Members States to consider the possible introduction of *effective tools and procedures*, in accordance with their own national traditions and constitutions, and with appropriate safeguards;

Or. en

Amendment 256
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Believes that the introduction of *postal voting* is needed for voters who are unable to go to the polling stations on election day, and that this could make the conduct of European elections more efficient and more appealing for voters in specific or exceptional circumstances; calls on Members States to consider the possible introduction of *complementary enhancing tools such as electronic or internet voting*, in accordance with their own national traditions, and with appropriate safeguards;

Amendment

25. Believes that the introduction of *mobile polling stations* is needed for voters who are unable to go to the polling stations on election day, and that this could make the conduct of European elections more efficient and more appealing for voters in specific or exceptional circumstances; calls on Members States to consider the possible introduction of *such a tool*, in accordance with their own national traditions, and with appropriate safeguards;

Or. en

Amendment 257
Leila Chaibi, Helmut Scholz
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25
Motion for a resolution

25. Believes that the introduction of postal voting is needed for voters who are unable to go to the polling stations on election day, and that this could make the conduct of European elections more efficient and more appealing for voters in specific or exceptional circumstances; calls on Members States to consider the possible introduction of complementary enhancing tools such as electronic or internet voting, in accordance with their own national traditions, and with appropriate safeguards;

Amendment

25. Believes that the introduction of postal voting is needed for voters who are unable to go to the polling stations on election day, and that this could make the conduct of European elections more efficient and more appealing for voters in specific or exceptional circumstances; calls on Members States to consider the possible introduction of complementary enhancing tools such as electronic voting, in accordance with their own national traditions, and with appropriate safeguards;

Or. en

Amendment 258
Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

26. 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

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 259
Angel Dzhambazki
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. 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

26. Notes that the symbolic idea of holding the European elections on 8 or 9 May is interesting; stresses, however, that such a measure would not offer the necessary flexibility to take account of specific national calendars and customs and would, moreover, be likely to have a negative impact on the level of participation by citizens, given the long holidays provided for in the national law of certain Member States; also draws attention to the fact that announcing the results at the same time in all the Member States poses major logistical difficulties for outermost regions;
Amendment 261
Nathalie Colin-Oesterlé

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

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Amendment

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Or. fr

Amendment 262
Gerolf Annemans, Laura Huhtasaari, Gilles Lebreton, Antonio Maria Rinaldi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

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26. 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 national authorities make independent decisions regarding election times, e.g. the first official projections of the electoral results;

Or. en
Amendment 263
Seán Kelly, Esther de Lange

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26a. Believes that introducing the possibility of temporary replacement of a Member of the European Parliament that is availing of their right to maternity, paternity or parental leave would help to further reduce the democratic deficit of the EU and would benefit gender equality in the European Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 264
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27. Considers it important to ensure that, following each election, an implementation report is drawn up with the aim of evaluating the functioning of the European elections as well as suggesting improvements, if needed;

Or. en

Amendment 265
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27. Proposes that, following each election, an implementation report is drawn up with the aim of evaluating the functioning of the European elections assessing whether a new legislative act is required in order to improve the functioning of the European elections further;

Or. en
27. Considers it important to ensure that, following each election, an implementation report is drawn up with the aim of evaluating the functioning of the European elections as well as suggesting improvements, if needed;

Amendment
27. Considers the possibility that, following each election, an report could be drawn up with the aim of evaluating the functioning of the European elections as well as suggesting improvements, if needed;

Or. en

Amendment 266
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex to the motion for a resolution – Recital 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

(2a) Article 8 TFEU establishes the principle of gender mainstreaming by which the Union should aim to eliminate gender inequalities and to promote gender equality in all its activities;

Or. en

Amendment 267
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Annex to the motion for a resolution – Recital 3

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

(3) The Treaty of Lisbon has not only conferred on the European Parliament the power of initiative regarding the provisions on the election of its members, but has also changed the nature of the mandate of the members of the European Parliament, making them direct representatives of the citizens of the
Union instead of “representatives of the peoples of the States brought together in the Community”. These constitute fundamental changes that should be reflected in a modernised European electoral law by inserting new elements that aim to enhance democratic legitimacy and to more accurately reflect the breadth of the role and competences of the European Parliament.

Amendment 268
Leila Chaibi, Helmut Scholz
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex to the motion for a resolution – Recital 3

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Amendment 269
Damian Boeselager
Motion for a resolution
Annex to the motion for a resolution – Recital 3

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 270
Gerolf Annemans, Laura Huhtasaari, Gilles Lebreton, Antonio Maria Rinaldi

Motion for a resolution
Annex to the motion for a resolution – Recital 4

(4) In spite of the provisions of the Electoral Act, elections to the European Parliament are largely determined by national rules, which differ considerably across Member States, resulting in a range of different electoral systems. Elections for the European Parliament take place on different days, and votes are cast for national parties with national candidates on the basis of national programmes. Approximation of those different electoral

(4) In spite of the provisions of the Electoral Act, elections to the European Parliament, which are largely determined by national rules, differ considerably across Member States, resulting in a range of different electoral systems. Elections for the European Parliament take place on different days, and votes are cast for national parties with national candidates on the basis of national programmes. Approximation of those different electoral
systems through the adoption of a more unified European electoral law based on clear common principles and rules would ensure voter equality for all citizens of the Union, and strengthen the European public sphere.

Amendment 271
Loránt Vincze, Herbert Dorfmann, François Alfonsi

Motion for a resolution
Annex to the motion for a resolution – Recital 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

(4a) Electoral thresholds should not affect the chances of national and linguistic minorities to participate in the political life of the Union and to be represented in the European Parliament. A derogation from a nationally provided threshold for parties representing recognized national and linguistic minorities or groupings of such parties should be possible for said minorities to be able to express a cohesive vote. The recognition of national and linguistic minorities should be understood in the sense of the Framework Convention for the protection of National Minorities, Member States being encouraged to interpret its provisions in the most inclusive manner.

Amendment 272
Gerolf Annemans, Laura Huhtasaari, Gilles Lebreton, Antonio Maria Rinaldi

Motion for a resolution
Annex to the motion for a resolution – Recital 5
Motion for a resolution

(5) Article 17(7) of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) gives the European Parliament the right to elect the President of the European Commission. In order to give that right its appropriate expression, the European public sphere should be developed in such a way that all European voters are allowed to indicate their preferred candidate for the President of the European Commission. For this to happen, the lead candidates nominated by a European political party, by a movement or by a coalition of European parties, need to be able to stand behind a common electoral programme in all Member States. Likewise, a Union-wide constituency, in which lists are headed by each political family’s candidate for President of the Commission, should be created, in order to enhance the democratic and pan-European dimension of the European elections. That Union-wide constituency should be subject to clear rules ensuring gender and demographic proportionality, with particular attention to small and medium sized Member States.

Amendment

273
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Annex to the motion for a resolution – Recital 5

(5) Article 17(7) of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) gives the European Parliament the right to elect the President of the European Commission. In order to give that right its appropriate expression, the European public sphere is deleted.

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Amendment 274
Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution
Annex to the motion for a resolution – Recital 5

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Amendment 275
Nathalie Colin-Oesterlé

Motion for a resolution
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Amendment 276
Loránt Vincze

Motion for a resolution
Annex to the motion for a resolution – Recital 5

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Amendment 277
Miapetra Kumpula-Natri
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Amendment 279
Leila Chaibi on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex to the motion for a resolution –Recital 5

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Or. en

**Amendment 280**

Sven Simon
on behalf of the EPP Group

Esteban González Pons, Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík

**Motion for a resolution**

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Amendment 281
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
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sized Member States.

Amendment 282
Loránt Vincze

Motion for a resolution
Annex to the motion for a resolution – Recital 6

(6) According to Article 10(4) of the TEU, political parties at European level contribute to forming European political awareness and to expressing the will of citizens of the Union. European political parties and movements should therefore play a more central role in the European elections’ process, including by giving them the possibility of tabling pan-European lists in the Union-wide constituency, so that they become known by and more visible to electors, both on ballot papers and in campaign materials and publications.

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Amendment 283
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Annex to the motion for a resolution – Recital 6

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Or. fr

**Amendment 286**

**Vladimír Bilčík**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Annex to the motion for a resolution – Recital 6**

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Or. en

**Amendment 287**

**Miapetra Kumpula-Natri**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Annex to the motion for a resolution – Recital 6**

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Or. en

Amendment 288
Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff

Motion for a resolution
Annex to the motion for a resolution – Recital 6

(6) European political parties and movements have a key role to play in fostering a truly European political debate. According to Article 10(4) of the TEU, political parties at European level contribute to forming European political awareness and to expressing the will of citizens of the Union. European political parties and movements should therefore effectively play a more central role in the European elections’ process, including by giving them the possibility of fully participating in European election campaigns, and of tabling pan-European lists in the Union-wide constituency, so that they become known by and more visible to electors, both on ballot papers and in campaign materials and publications.
**Amendment 289**
Leila Chaibi on behalf of The Left Group

**Motion for a resolution**
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**Amendment**

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**Amendment 290**
Damian Boeselager on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Motion for a resolution**
Annex to the motion for a resolution – Recital 6

*Motion for a resolution*

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Amendment 291
Sven Simon
on behalf of the EPP Group
Esteban González Pons, Rainer Wieland, Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
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Or. en

Amendment 292
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Annex to the motion for a resolution – Recital 7

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Or. en
(7) In the European democracy action plan, the Commission has committed to promoting access to democratic participation, which entails inclusiveness and equality in democratic participation, as well as gender balance in politics and decision-making. In its 2020-2025 gender equality strategy, the Commission stated that equal opportunity in participation is essential for representative democracy at all levels. Gender equality and democratic, informed and transparent procedures for the selection of candidates to the European Parliament elections, including the lead candidate, are key horizontal elements for reinforcing representativeness and democracy.

6 Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the European democracy action plan (COM(2020)0790).

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Amendment 293
Sven Simon
on behalf of the EPP Group
Esteban González Pons, Rainer Wieland, Loránt Vincze

Motion for a resolution
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For reasons of equality, those principles should apply to all lists of candidates of the elections to the European Parliament in the national constituencies and in the Union-wide constituency.

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Amendment 295
Leila Chaibi
on behalf of The Left Group

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Amendment 296
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex to the motion for a resolution – Recital 8
(8) Transparency of the electoral process and access to reliable and timely information on voters and on candidates are important for ensuring the reliability of the electoral process, for raising European political awareness and for securing a solid election turnout. It is important to facilitate the exchange of information between Member States on voters in order to avoid double voting. Moreover, citizens of the Union should be informed well in advance of elections to the European Parliament about the candidates standing in those elections and about the affiliation of national political parties to a European political party. Mandatory time-limits for the establishment of the electoral roll and the lists of candidates should therefore be established.

Amendment 297
Leila Chaibi
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex to the motion for a resolution – Recital 8

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Amendment 298
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Annex to the motion for a resolution – Recital 9

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(9) A European Electoral Authority should be established for the management of the Union-wide constituency. Such a European Electoral Authority would be essential for coordinating information on the European elections and monitoring the implementation of the common standards of the European electoral law, by ensuring an efficient exchange of information and best practices between national bodies. In addition.

Or. en

Amendment 299
Loránt Vincze

Motion for a resolution
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Amendment 300
Nathalie Colin-Oesterlé

Motion for a resolution
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Or. fr

Amendment 301
Gerolf Annemans, Laura Huhtasaari, Gilles Lebreton, Antonio Maria Rinaldi

Motion for a resolution
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**Amendment 302**  
Damian Boeselager  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

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Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

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Amendment 304
Vladimír Bilčík

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Amendment 305
Leila Chaibi, Helmut Scholz on behalf of The Left Group

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Amendment 306
Guy Verhofstadt, Pascal Durand, Sandro Gozì, Maïté Pagazaurtundúa, Charles Goerens

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Amendment 307
Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff, Brando Benifei, Giuliano Pisapia

Motion for a resolution
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### Amendment 308

**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff, Brando Benifei, Giuliano Pisapia**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Annex to the motion for a resolution – Recital 9 a (new)**

**Motion for a resolution**

(9a) The Union-wide constituency electoral campaign should be duly financed to ensure that the European electoral entities have the sufficient funds to convey their messages and their political programmes to the EU citizens.

### Amendment 309

**Angel Dzhambazki**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Annex to the motion for a resolution – Recital 10**

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Amendment 311
Leila Chaibi, Helmut Scholz
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex to the motion for a resolution – Recital 10

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accordance with applicable Union law, as well as the accessibility for persons with disabilities and for all citizens. Member States are also encouraged to develop other tools for citizen participation, such as the inclusion of blank ballots or citizen consultations between elections.

Or. en

Amendment 312
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex to the motion for a resolution – Recital 10

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

(10) In order to encourage voter participation in elections to the European Parliament, Member States should provide at least for either advance, postal or proxy voting. To fully take advantage of the possibilities offered by technological developments, Member States could also permit electronic voting, while ensuring the accessibility of the system, the reliability of the result, the secrecy of the vote, the protection of personal data, in accordance with applicable Union law, and full transparency in the design and deployment of the systems.

Or. en

Amendment 313
Gerolf Annemans, Laura Huhtasaari, Gilles Lebreton, Antonio Maria Rinaldi

Motion for a resolution
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Amendment 314
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Annex to the motion for a resolution – Recital 10

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Amendment 315
Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff, Brando Benifei, Giuliano Pisapia

Motion for a resolution
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Amendment 316
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Annex to the motion for a resolution – Recital 11

(11) Citizens of the Union have the right to participate in its democratic life, in particular by voting or standing as candidates in elections to the European Parliament. Member States should take the measures necessary to allow those of their citizens residing or working in third countries, those who are homeless or who are serving a prison sentence in the EU, to exercise the right to vote in elections to the European Parliament. Access to polling stations should also be facilitated for all citizens, and in particular for persons with disabilities.

Amendment 317
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group
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Or. en

Amendment 318
Guy Verhofstadt, Pascal Durand, Sandro Gozi, Maïté Pagazaurtundúa, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution
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Amendment

(12) The minimum age for the exercise of active passive voting rights varies across the 27 Member States. The Member States should coordinate to introduce a single harmonised age for active and passive voting across the Union in order to ensure equality and to avoid discrimination in the most fundamental civic and political right - the right to vote.

Or. fr

Amendment 322
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex to the motion for a resolution – Recital 12

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

(12) The minimum age for the exercise of active passive voting rights varies across the 27 Member States. A single harmonised age for active and passive voting should be introduced across the Union in order to ensure equality and to avoid discrimination in the most fundamental civic and political right - the right to vote. The minimum age for voting should be set at 16 and the minimum age to stand as a candidate should be set at 18.

Or. en

Amendment 323
Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff, Brando Benifei, Giuliano Pisapia

Motion for a resolution
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Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 324
Leila Chaibi
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Annex to the motion for a resolution – Recital 12

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

(12) The minimum age for the exercise of active passive voting rights varies across the 27 Member States from 16 to 18. A single harmonised age for active and passive voting at 16 years old should be introduced across the Union in order to ensure equality and to avoid discrimination in the most fundamental civic and political right - the right to vote.

Or. en

Amendment 325
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Annex to the motion for a resolution – Recital 12
Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 326
Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff, Brando Benifei, Giuliano Pisapia

Motion for a resolution
Annex to the motion for a resolution – Recital 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

(12a) The deadlines for finalising both the electoral lists and the electoral roll ahead of European elections vary greatly among Member States. In order to put candidates and voters across the Union in an equal position when it comes to the time available for campaigning or for reflection, and also to facilitate the exchange of information between Member States on voters, the deadlines for the establishment of the electoral roll and the lists for the European elections should be uniform.

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 327
Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Gabriele Bischoff

Motion for a resolution
Annex to the motion for a resolution – Recital 12 b (new)
(12b) Clear and transparent rules on campaigning should be provided for, so that European political parties and movements are able to use any forms of public communication and electoral campaigns material, as well as election official material such as ballot papers, giving those parties and movements sufficient visibility. Member States should also ensure that European political parties and movements are given equal treatment and opportunities regarding the electoral campaign related to the Union-wide constituency.

Amendment 328
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Annex to the motion for a resolution – Recital 13

(13) The 1976 Electoral act established a common electoral period, giving the Member States the power to set the exact date and the time for the elections within that period. A truly pan-European election requires not just a common period, but a common European voting day. The elections for the European Parliament should be held on 9 May, Europe Day, marking the anniversary of the Schuman Declaration of 9 May 1950.

Or. en

Amendment 329
Nathalie Colin-Oesterlé
Motion for a resolution
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Amendment 330
Gerolf Annemans, Laura Huhtasaari, Gilles Lebreton, Antonio Maria Rinaldi

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