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The European Elections 2024
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Amendment 1

Sandro Gozi, Guy Verhofstadt, Max Orville, Alin Mituța, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution

Citation 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to Council Directive 93/109/EC of 6 December 1993 laying down detailed arrangements for the exercise of the right to vote and stand as a candidate in elections to the European Parliament for citizens of the Union residing in a Member State of which they are not nationals,*

Or. en

Amendment 2

Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Giuliano Pisapia, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Pascal Durand

Motion for a resolution

Citation 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Proposal of a Manifesto for a Federal Europe: Sovereign, Social and Ecological, adopted by the Spinelli Group on 29 August 2022 [1] https://thespinelligroup.eu/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/20220912_Proposal-Manifesto-for-a-Federal-Europe-political-social-and-ecological.pdf.*

Or. en

Amendment 3

Sandro Gozi, Guy Verhofstadt, Max Orville, Alin Mituța, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution

Citation 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations (recast),*

Or. en

Amendment 4

Sandro Gozi, Guy Verhofstadt, Max Orville, Alin Mituța, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution

Citation 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to the proposal for a Council Directive laying down detailed arrangements for the exercise of the right to vote and stand as a candidate in elections to the European Parliament for Union citizens residing in a Member State of which they are not nationals*

Or. en

Amendment 5

Sandro Gozi, Guy Verhofstadt, Max Orville, Alin Mituța, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution

Citation 5 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the transparency and targeting of political advertising*

Or. en

Amendment 6

Sandro Gozi, Guy Verhofstadt, Max Orville, Alin Mituța, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution
Citation 5 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to the
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*

Or. en

Amendment 7
João Pimenta Lopes

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B. *whereas the reform of the
European Electoral Law would address
the current fragmentation into 27
different electoral systems and it would
make electoral rules more modern and
uniform within the EU; whereas for
example the deadline for registering on
the electoral roll varies greatly from one
Member State to another, ranging from
90 days to 3 days prior to elections;*

deleted

Or. pt

Amendment 8
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Motion for a resolution
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Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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Electoral Law would address the current fragmentation into 27 different electoral systems and would make electoral rules more ***fit for purpose and consistent throughout*** the EU; whereas for example the deadline for registering on the electoral roll varies greatly from one Member State to another, ranging from 90 days to 3 days prior to elections;

Or. en

Amendment 9

Daniel Freund

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. whereas the reform of the European Parliament's electoral procedure should aim to enhance the democratic and transnational public debate and dimension of the European elections and the democratic legitimacy of the Union decision-making process, reinforce citizenship in the Union, and improve the functioning of the European Parliament and the governance of the Union; whereas transnational lists, in particular in combination with the lead candidate system, would boost a European public debate on European ideas;

Or. en

Amendment 10

Sandro Gozi, Guy Verhofstadt, Max Orville, Alin Mituța, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the **failure to implement** the lead candidate system **has led to disappointment among many voters**; whereas **such a disappointment must be avoided** at the next European elections;

Amendment

C. whereas the **2019 elections did not culminate in the choice of a Commission President through** the lead candidate system, **also as a result of the failure to reform the European Electoral Law, which resulted in reduced trust in the process**; whereas **the election of the Commission President depends on securing the support of the majority of Members of the European Parliament**; whereas **only some of the EU citizens who took part in the European elections believed that their vote could make a difference when it came to the election of the President of the Commission, highlighting the need to raise awareness of the process among EU citizens**; whereas **the procedure should be fully complied with** at the next European elections;

Or. en

Amendment 11

Paulo Rangel, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas several Member States still **restrict voting rights for people** with disabilities, thus preventing the meaningful participation and representation of these citizens in democratic processes;

Amendment

D. whereas several Member States still **do not fully implement appropriate arrangements tailored to their national voting procedures to facilitate voting by citizens** with disabilities, thus preventing the meaningful participation and representation of these citizens in democratic processes;

Or. en

Amendment 12

Sandro Gozi, Guy Verhofstadt, Max Orville, Alin Mituța, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas several Member States still restrict voting rights for people with disabilities, thus preventing the meaningful participation and representation of these citizens in democratic processes;

Amendment

D. whereas several Member States still restrict voting rights ***and/or have not adequately addressed persisting barriers*** for people with disabilities, thus preventing the meaningful participation and representation of these citizens in democratic processes;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Sandro Gozi, Guy Verhofstadt, Max Orville, Alin Mituța, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. Whereas the full exercise of the electoral rights granted by the Treaties to mobile citizens in elections to the European Parliament is still hampered by unjustified barriers to democratic participation, such as the lack of awareness regarding conditions and rules applicable to the registration into the electoral rolls of the Member of State of residence;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Sandro Gozi, Guy Verhofstadt, Max Orville, Alin Mituța, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution
Recital D b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Db. Whereas the Commission has

issued a legislative proposal amending Council Directive 93/109 laying down detailed arrangements for the exercise of the right to vote and stand as a candidate in elections to the European Parliament for Union citizens residing in a Member State of which they are not nationals; Whereas Parliament has adopted its position on 13 December 2022; whereas this proposal should among others enable mobile citizens to register for the electoral roll as soon as they register for residence, strengthen existing information requirements, ensure the same standards for the submission of candidacies for national and mobile EU citizens and facilitate the exercise of the right to vote by vulnerable and marginalised groups;

Or. en

Amendment 15

Sandro Gozi, Guy Verhofstadt, Max Orville, Alin Mituța, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution

Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ea. Whereas political campaigns for the European elections conducted in the Member States too often are insufficiently “European”, but rather are dominated by policy discussions of a purely national, regional and local nature; whereas political parties and candidates have a responsibility to adequately inform citizens on the policy challenges at EU level;

Or. en

Amendment 16

Daniel Freund

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ea. whereas the Member States in Council are not credibly engaging with Parliament on its position of 3 May 2022, thereby neglecting their treaty obligations and preventing a genuine reform of the electoral law;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

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Amendment

1. Welcomes the higher turnout in the 2019 European elections and strives to work on further increasing the turnout at the 2024 European elections;

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Or. en

Amendment 18
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
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work on further increasing the turnout at the 2024 European elections; *stresses the importance of increasing participation in the elections, in particular from rural areas, disadvantaged groups and young people;*

Or. en

Amendment 19
João Pimenta Lopes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Emphasises that in the 2024 European elections, voters have an important opportunity to change the course of EU policies that have led to: an increase in the limitations on the sovereignty of states; an increase in deficits and imbalances, particularly in terms of production; ever greater control by monopoly groups of strategic sectors of the economy; limitations on public investment and on the full funding of the social functions of the state, including public health, education and social security; an increase in regional asymmetries; the rollback of rights and the deterioration of living conditions;

Or. pt

Amendment 20
Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Giuliano Pisapia, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Pascal Durand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Emphasises the important role of European political parties and foundations

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in contributing to the debate on European public policy issues and in forming European political awareness; notes, however, that owing to restrictive measures at European and national levels, European political parties cannot fully participate in European election campaigns; stresses, moreover, that they are not allowed to campaign in referendums that concern European matters; encourages European political parties to reach an agreement on how to adapt the provisions in this resolution to develop the electoral campaign to the European elections and on how to proceed during the post-electoral process;

in contributing to the debate on European public policy issues and in forming European political awareness; ***stresses that Article 21 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 encourages European political parties to conduct their own European elections campaigns, which must remain in line with Union values, and which are complementary to but distinct from the campaigns of their member parties***; notes, however, that owing to restrictive measures at European and national levels, European political parties cannot fully participate in European election campaigns; stresses, moreover, that they are not allowed to campaign in referendums that concern European matters; encourages European political parties to reach an agreement on how to adapt the provisions in this resolution to develop the electoral campaign to the European elections and on how to proceed during the post-electoral process;

Or. en

Amendment 21

Daniel Freund

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Emphasises the important role ***of*** European political parties and foundations in contributing to the debate on European public policy issues and in forming European political awareness; notes, however, that owing to restrictive measures at European and national levels, European political parties cannot fully participate in European election campaigns; stresses, moreover, that they are not allowed to campaign in referendums that concern European matters; encourages European political parties to ***reach an agreement on***

Amendment

2. Emphasises the important role ***that*** European political parties and foundations ***should have according to the EU treaties*** in contributing to the debate on European public policy issues and in forming European political awareness; notes, however, that owing to restrictive measures at European and national levels, European political parties cannot fully participate in European election campaigns; stresses, moreover, that they are not allowed to campaign in referendums that concern European matters; ***points out that this and***

how to adapt the provisions in this resolution *to develop* the electoral campaign to the European elections and on how to proceed during the post-electoral process;

other provisions where meant to strengthen EUPPs' role in the revision process of regulation 1141/2014; encourages European political parties to *reflect on implementing the proposals of* this resolution *for developing* the electoral campaign to the European elections and on how to proceed during the post-electoral process;

Or. en

Amendment 22

Sandro Gozi, Guy Verhofstadt, Max Orville, Alin Mituța, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution

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Motion for a resolution

2. Emphasises the important role of European political parties and foundations in contributing to the debate on European public policy issues and in forming European political awareness; *notes*, however, that *owing to restrictive measures at European and national levels*, European political parties *cannot* fully *participate* in European election campaigns; *stresses*, moreover, that they are not allowed to campaign in referendums that concern European matters; encourages European political parties to reach an agreement on how to *adapt the provisions in this resolution to develop* the electoral campaign to the European elections and on how to proceed during the post-electoral process;

Amendment

2. Emphasises the important role of European political parties and foundations in contributing to the debate on European public policy issues and in forming European political awareness; *regrets*, however, that *restrictions under the current EU and national regulatory frameworks prevent* European political parties *from* fully *participating* in European election campaigns; *regrets*, moreover, that they are not allowed to campaign in *national* referendums that concern European matters; *stresses that these restrictions prevent them from fully assuming their core task as set forth in Article 10.4 TFEU*; encourages European political parties to reach an agreement on how to *conduct* the electoral campaign to the European elections and on how to proceed during the post-electoral process;

Or. en

Amendment 23

Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Emphasises the important role of European political parties and foundations in contributing to the debate on European public policy issues and in forming European political awareness; notes, however, that owing to restrictive measures at European and national levels, European political parties cannot fully participate in European election campaigns; stresses, moreover, that they are not allowed to campaign in referendums that concern European matters; encourages European political parties to reach an agreement on how to adapt the provisions in this resolution to develop the electoral campaign to the European elections and on how to proceed during the post-electoral process;

Amendment

2. Emphasises the important role of European political parties, **social partners** and foundations in contributing to the debate on European public policy issues and in forming European political awareness; notes, however, that owing to restrictive measures at European and national levels, European political parties cannot fully participate in European election campaigns; stresses, moreover, that they are not allowed to campaign in referendums that concern European matters; encourages European political parties to reach an agreement on how to adapt the provisions in this resolution to develop the electoral campaign to the European elections and on how to proceed during the post-electoral process;

Or. en

Amendment 24
João Pimenta Lopes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Notes that the transposition of the political debate in the elections to the European Parliament to a supranational dimension, disconnected from the national dimension and the impacts of EU policies on each country and on people's lives, contributes to distancing voters further and further from their elected representatives, thereby disregarding the sovereignty and specificities of each Member State, in order to pave the way for a greater concentration of power in the EU institutions, something which citizens have rejected in several

referendums;

Or. pt

Amendment 25

Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Giuliano Pisapia, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Pascal Durand

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls for the enhanced visibility of European political parties in public debates and media campaigns; insists that all national political parties should make the logos of the European political parties visible on ballots; calls on the European political parties to draft manifestos in good time ahead of the elections so as to be able to share their proposals; considers that European political parties' manifestos should be known before the elections, which requires clear and transparent rules on campaigning;

Amendment

3. Calls for the enhanced visibility of European political parties in public debates and media campaigns; insists that all national political parties should make the logos of the European political parties visible on ballots; calls on the European political parties to draft manifestos in good time ahead of the elections so as to be able to share their proposals; considers that European political parties' manifestos should be known before the elections, which requires clear and transparent rules on campaigning; ***welcomes in this context the European Campaign Action Plan ("E-CAP") guidance developed by the Authority for European Political Parties and European Political Foundations that assists European political parties in planning their campaigns in light of the applicable rules and principles. This guidance confirms that the participation of lead candidates ("Spitzenkandidaten") in campaigns and the distinct visibility of the European political parties are positive enablers in accordance with the existing legal framework.***

Or. en

Amendment 26

Sandro Gozi, Guy Verhofstadt, Max Orville, Alin Mituța, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls for the enhanced visibility of European political parties in public debates and media campaigns; insists that **all** national political parties should **make** the logos of the European political parties visible on ballots; calls on the European political parties to draft manifestos in good time ahead of the elections so as to be able to share their proposals; considers that European political parties' manifestos should be known before the elections, which requires clear and transparent rules on campaigning;

Amendment

3. Calls for the enhanced visibility of European political parties in public debates and media campaigns; insists that national political parties should **consistently identify their European counterpart in their public communication and that** the logos of the European political parties **should be made** visible on ballots; **points to the ongoing negotiations on the draft proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations (recast) and encourages European political parties and foundations to comply with the foreseen new provisions before they are formally adopted and in force, in particular during the upcoming electoral campaign**; calls on the European political parties to draft manifestos in good time ahead of the elections so as to be able to share their proposals; considers that European political parties' manifestos should be known before the elections, which requires clear and transparent rules on campaigning;

Or. en

Amendment 27

Daniel Freund

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls for the enhanced visibility of European political parties in public debates and media campaigns; insists that all national political parties should make the logos of the European political parties visible on ballots; calls on the European political parties to draft manifestos in good

Amendment

3. Calls for the enhanced visibility of European political parties in public debates and media campaigns; insists that all national political parties should make the **names and/or** logos of the European political parties visible on ballots **and campaign material**; calls on the European

time ahead of the elections so as to be able to share their proposals; considers that European political parties' manifestos should be known before the elections, which requires clear and transparent rules on campaigning;

political parties to draft manifestos in good time ahead of the elections so as to be able to share their proposals; considers that European political parties' manifestos should be known before the elections, which requires clear and transparent rules on campaigning, *also EU-wide; underlines the importance of democratic standards and internal party democracy rules in order to ensure that for example the nomination of candidates is pursued in a democratic manner;*

Or. en

Amendment 28
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls for the enhanced visibility of European political parties in public debates and media campaigns; insists that all national political parties should make the logos of the European political parties visible on ballots; calls on the European political parties to draft manifestos in good time ahead of the elections so as to be able to share their proposals; considers that European political parties' manifestos should be known before the elections, which requires clear and transparent rules on campaigning;

Amendment

3. Calls for the enhanced visibility of European political parties in public debates and media campaigns, *including their logos*; insists that all national political parties should make the logos of the European political parties visible on ballots; calls on the European political parties to draft manifestos in good time ahead of the elections so as to be able to share their proposals; considers that European political parties' manifestos should be known before the elections, which requires clear and transparent rules on campaigning;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Sandro Gozi, Guy Verhofstadt, Max Orville, Alin Mituța, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. *Underlines that the electoral campaign for European elections should favour competition between national and European political parties on the basis on their programmes and policy planning regarding the EU; Regrets the practice of some national political parties and candidates to focus their electoral campaigns ahead of European elections on purely national-specific topics; Calls on European Political Parties to encourage their Member parties to use the European Manifestos as the basis for conducting their electoral campaigns;*

Or. en

Amendment 30

Daniel Freund

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. *Believes that transnational lists would foster the European public debate and empower European political parties to become stronger structures of representation as well as, in particular in combination with the lead candidate system, to improve accountability in the European democratic system;*

Or. en

Amendment 31

Sandro Gozi, Guy Verhofstadt, Max Orville, Alin Mituța, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3b. *Points out that the introduction of transnational lists would further empower European political parties as key actors in European politics, enabling them to participate in and help shape European representative democracy;*

Or. en

Amendment 32

Sandro Gozi, Guy Verhofstadt, Max Orville, Alin Mituța, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3c. *Recalls in this respect that Parliament, in its proposal of 3 May 2022 on the reform of the European electoral law, has proposed the establishment of a Union-wide constituency for the elections to the European Parliament, allowing citizens to directly vote for both a transnational and a national list;*

Or. en

Amendment 33

João Pimenta Lopes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. *Regrets that the lead candidate system for the election of the President of the European Commission was not implemented at the last European elections; regrets further a lack of progress on this issue since 2019; acknowledges that this led to disappointment among many voters;*

deleted

believes that a clear and credible link between the choice of voters and the election of the Commission President is needed; calls on the European political parties, national political parties and national governments to work together to ensure this outcome at the next elections;

Or. pt

Amendment 34
Paulo Rangel, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Regrets that the lead candidate system for the election of the President of the European Commission was not implemented at the last European elections; regrets further a lack of progress on this issue since 2019; acknowledges that this led to disappointment among many voters; believes that a clear and credible link between the choice of voters and the election of the Commission President is needed; calls on the European political parties, national political parties and national governments to work together to ensure this outcome at the next elections;

Amendment

4. Regrets that the lead candidate system for the election of the President of the European Commission was not implemented at the last European elections; regrets further a lack of progress on this issue since 2019; acknowledges that this led to disappointment among many voters; believes that a clear and credible link between the choice of voters and the election of the Commission President is needed ***and therefore proposes to reverse the roles of the European Council and the European Parliament in the nomination and confirmation of the President of the Commission to more accurately reflect the results of European elections***; calls on the European political parties, national political parties and national governments to work together to ensure this outcome at the next elections;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Sandro Gozi, Guy Verhofstadt, Max Orville, Alin Mituța, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Regrets that the lead candidate system for the election of the President of the European Commission was not implemented at the last European elections; ***regrets further a lack of progress on this issue since 2019; acknowledges that this led to disappointment among many voters;*** believes that a clear and credible link between the choice of voters and the election of the Commission President is needed; calls on the European political parties, national political parties and national governments to work together to ensure this outcome at the next elections;

Amendment

4. Regrets that the lead candidate system for the election of the President of the European Commission was not implemented at the last European elections ***as a consequence of the failure to reform the European electoral law;*** believes that a clear and credible link between the choice of voters and the election of the Commission President is needed; calls on the European political parties, national political parties and national governments to work together to ensure this outcome at the next elections; ***points out, however, that the election of the Commission President always depends on securing the support of the majority of Members of the European Parliament so that the electoral results are fully taken into account, as envisaged in the Lisbon Treaty;***

Or. en

Amendment 36

Sven Simon

on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Regrets that the lead candidate system for the election of the President of the European Commission was not implemented at the last European elections; regrets further a lack of progress on this issue since 2019; acknowledges that this led to disappointment among many voters; believes that a clear and credible link between the choice of voters and the election of the Commission President is needed; calls on the European political parties, national political parties and national governments to work together to ensure this outcome at the next elections;

Amendment

4. Regrets that the lead candidate system for the election of the President of the European Commission was not implemented at the last European elections; regrets further a lack of progress on this issue since 2019 ***by the European Council and the European Commission, who had committed to improve European democracy;*** acknowledges that this led to disappointment among many voters; believes that a clear and credible link between the choice of voters and the election of the Commission President is needed; calls on the European political

parties, national political parties and national governments to work together to ensure this outcome at the next elections;

Or. en

Amendment 37

Sven Simon

on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Calls on the European Council to provide certainty on the lead candidate system to European citizens and to put a stop to deals behind closed doors; urges to begin consultations for this purpose already this year, in view of implementing the lead candidate principle in light of the European elections' outcome.

Or. en

Amendment 38

Sandro Gozi, Guy Verhofstadt, Max Orville, Alin Mituța, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Highlights, however, that without transnational lists, the lead candidate system lacks full democratic legitimacy, since European citizens are prevented from directly voting for their preferred candidate to the Commission Presidency

Or. en

Amendment 39

João Pimenta Lopes

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Recalls that elections to the European Parliament are aimed at electing national parliamentarians from each of the 27 Member States, and not at any institutional post in any other European Union institution;

Or. pt

**Amendment 40
João Pimenta Lopes**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Expects European political parties to nominate their candidates for the position of President of the Commission at least 12 weeks before election day; **deleted**

Or. pt

**Amendment 41
Sven Simon
on behalf of the PPE Group**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Expects European political parties to nominate their candidates for the position of President of the Commission at least 12 weeks before election day;

5. Expects *all* European political parties to nominate their candidates for the position of President of the Commission at least 12 weeks before election day;

Or. en

Amendment 42

Sandro Gozi, Guy Verhofstadt, Max Orville, Alin Mituța, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Expects European political parties to nominate their candidates for ***the position of President of the Commission*** at least 12 weeks before election day;

Amendment

5. Expects European political parties to nominate their candidates for ***top EU positions*** at least 12 weeks before election day;

Or. en

Amendment 43

João Pimenta Lopes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Considers that the creation of a so-called supranational circle, and of so-called transnational lists, to which candidates for president of the European Commission would be associated in the elections to the European Parliament, would not only accentuate the imbalances and distortions that already exist today, but would also be artificial and completely detached from the reality in Europe, from the interests of the citizens and from a project founded on cooperation between sovereign states with equal rights; expresses, therefore, its disagreement with the creation of so-called supranational circles, transnational lists and candidates for the presidency of the European Commission in the elections to the European Parliament;

Or. pt

Amendment 44
João Pimenta Lopes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Calls for the establishment of an interinstitutional agreement between the Parliament and the European Council on the lead candidate system within the framework of Article 17(7) TEU; asks the President of the European Parliament to immediately start the preparatory work leading to such an agreement after the first session of the new Parliament following the elections; believes that European political parties and their respective parliamentary groups should engage in negotiations after the next European election to agree on behalf of the European Parliament on a common candidate to preside over the Commission before the European Council makes its proposal;

deleted

Or. pt

Amendment 45
Sven Simon
on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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political parties and their respective parliamentary groups should *engage in negotiations after the next European election to agree on behalf of the European Parliament on a common candidate to preside over the Commission* before the European Council makes its proposal;

parliamentary groups should *nominate*, before the European Council makes its proposal, *a common candidate to preside over the European Commission, namely the lead candidate of the European political party that has obtained the highest share of votes at European elections, who is able to be supported by a majority of European Parliament's Members; in case a coalition majority cannot be reached, this responsibility shall be assigned to the next lead candidate;*

Or. en

Amendment 46

Sandro Gozi, Guy Verhofstadt, Max Orville, Alin Mituța, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls for the establishment of an interinstitutional agreement between the Parliament and the European Council on the lead candidate system within the framework of Article 17(7) TEU; asks the President of the European Parliament to immediately start the preparatory work leading to such an agreement after the first session of the new Parliament following the elections; believes that European political parties and their respective parliamentary groups should engage in negotiations after the next European election to agree on behalf of the European Parliament on a common candidate to preside over the Commission before the European Council makes its proposal;

Amendment

6. Calls for the establishment of an interinstitutional agreement between the Parliament and the European Council on the lead candidate system within the framework of Article 17(7) TEU, *following the adoption of the European Parliament Proposal adopted on 3 May 2022 on the new European electoral law*; asks the President of the European Parliament to immediately start the preparatory work leading to such an agreement after the first session of the new Parliament following the elections; believes that European political parties and their respective parliamentary groups should engage in negotiations after the next European election to agree on behalf of the European Parliament on a common candidate to preside over the Commission before the European Council makes its proposal;

Or. en

Amendment 47

Daniel Freund

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls for the establishment of an interinstitutional agreement between the Parliament and the European Council on the lead candidate system within the framework of Article 17(7) TEU; asks the President of the European Parliament to immediately start the preparatory work leading to such an agreement *after* the first session of the new Parliament following the elections; believes that European political parties and their respective parliamentary groups should engage in negotiations after the next European election to agree on behalf of the European Parliament on a common candidate to preside over the Commission before the European Council makes its proposal;

Amendment

6. Calls for the establishment of an interinstitutional agreement between the Parliament and the European Council on the lead candidate system within the framework of Article 17(7) TEU; asks the President of the European Parliament to immediately start the preparatory work leading to such an agreement *as soon as possible, but latest during* the first session of the new Parliament following the elections; believes that European political parties and their respective parliamentary groups should engage in negotiations after the next European election to agree on behalf of the European Parliament on a common candidate to preside over the Commission before the European Council makes its proposal;

Or. en

Amendment 48

Daniel Freund

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Commits itself to upholding the lead candidate system by ensuring that the next Commission President will be the lead candidate of the European political party that can ensure a majority in the European Parliament; believes that the lead candidate gaining most seats in

Parliament via one group or a coalition of groups should have the first right to form a necessary majority; believes that if this first lead candidate fails to find this majority, the second placed lead candidate should have the right to form the necessary majority, and so on;

Or. en

Amendment 49
João Pimenta Lopes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Proposes that the European political parties and their parliamentary groups adopt a ‘legislature agreement’ for the legislative period 2024 – 2029 as a way of securing a majority in Parliament ahead of the appointment of the Commission as a basis for its work and a guarantee, to European voters, of a coherent follow-up to the elections;

deleted

Or. pt

Amendment 50
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Proposes that the European political parties and their parliamentary groups adopt a ‘legislature agreement’ for the legislative period 2024 – 2029 as a way of securing a majority in Parliament ahead of the appointment of the Commission as a basis for its work and a guarantee, to

7. Proposes that the European political parties and their parliamentary groups adopt a ‘legislature agreement’ for the legislative period 2024 – 2029 as a way of securing a majority in Parliament ahead of the appointment of the Commission as a basis for its work and a guarantee, to

European voters, of a coherent follow-up to the elections;

European voters, of a coherent follow-up to the elections; ***is of the opinion that the involvement of relevant persons from national governments and all levels of the parties could improve the acceptance and implementation of such an agreement;***

Or. en

Amendment 51

Sven Simon

on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. ***Proposes*** that the European political parties and their parliamentary groups adopt a ‘legislature agreement’ for the legislative period 2024 – 2029 as a way of securing a majority in Parliament ahead of the appointment of the Commission as a basis for its work and a guarantee, to European voters, of a coherent follow-up to the elections;

Amendment

7. ***Expects*** that the European political parties and their parliamentary groups adopt a ‘legislature agreement’ for the legislative period 2024 – 2029 as a way of securing a majority in Parliament ahead of the appointment of the Commission as a basis for its work ***programme*** and a guarantee, to European voters, of a coherent follow-up to the elections; ***each candidate to the European Commission shall subscribe to this “legislature agreement” in order to obtain the Parliament’s majority support;***

Or. en

Amendment 52

Sven Simon

on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Stresses that the President of Parliament should lead consultations with the ***leaders of the European political***

Amendment

8. Stresses that the President of Parliament should lead consultations with the European Council ***on the next***

parties, the presidents of the parliamentary groups and the European Council after the European elections regarding the nomination of the Commission President; considers that to strengthen the link between the citizens' vote and the appointment of the Commission, the European Council President should also engage in consultations with the Presidents of the European Political parties;

European council president *candidate*.

Or. en

Amendment 53

Daniel Freund

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Stresses that the **President of Parliament** should lead consultations with the leaders of the European political parties, the presidents of the parliamentary groups and the European Council after the European elections regarding the nomination of the Commission President; **considers that to strengthen the link between the citizens' vote and the appointment of the Commission, the European Council President should also engage in consultations with the Presidents of the European Political parties;**

Amendment

8. Stresses that the **lead candidates in their before mentioned order** should lead consultations with the leaders of the European political parties, the presidents of the parliamentary groups and the European Council after the European elections regarding the nomination of the Commission President;

Or. en

Amendment 54

Sven Simon

on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Recalls the prerogative of the European Parliament to choose its own President;

Or. en

Amendment 55

Sandro Gozi, Guy Verhofstadt, Max Orville, Alin Mituța, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Believes that establishing a single common European voting day would create a more coherent pan-European election and therefore suggests fixing 9 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;

Or. en

Amendment 56

Paulo Rangel, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, Seán Kelly, Nathalie Colin-Oesterlé

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Calls for the approval by the Council of the European Union of the entire European Parliament Proposal adopted on 3 May 2022 on the new European electoral law;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 57
João Pimenta Lopes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Calls for the approval by the Council of the European Union of the entire European Parliament Proposal adopted on 3 May 2022 on the new European electoral law;

deleted

Or. pt

Amendment 58
Sandro Gozi, Guy Verhofstadt, Max Orville, Alin Mituța, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Calls for the approval by the Council of the *European Union of the entire* European Parliament Proposal adopted on 3 May 2022 on the new European electoral law;

10. Calls for the *swift* approval by the Council of the European Parliament Proposal adopted on 3 May 2022 on the new European electoral law; *Expects the Council to reach a balanced compromise even on the most far-reaching parts of Parliament's proposal;*

Or. en

Amendment 59
João Pimenta Lopes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Considers that the number of seats per Member State in the European Parliament should be redistributed in such a way as to compensate those

Member States that have suffered most from the unbalanced distribution of power in the Council and the redistribution of seats in the European Parliament set by the successive Treaties, i.e. those that have lost the most seats in relative terms in the context of the successive enlargements of the European Union;

Or. pt

Amendment 60

Paulo Rangel, Vladimír Bilčík, Loránt Vincze, Brice Hortefeux, Seán Kelly, Nathalie Colin-Oesterlé

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Calls for a reform of the Treaties and in particular of Article 223 TFEU on the provisions necessary for the election of the Members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 61

João Pimenta Lopes

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Calls for a reform of the Treaties and in particular of Article 223 TFEU on the provisions necessary for the election of the Members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage;

deleted

Or. pt

Amendment 62

Daniel Freund

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Calls for a reform of the Treaties and in particular of Article 223 TFEU on the provisions necessary for the election of the Members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage;

Amendment

11. Calls for a reform of the Treaties and in particular of Article 223 TFEU on the provisions necessary for the election of the Members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage; ***urges Council and ultimately the European Council to act on its proposal to trigger Article 48 TEU in order to establish a convention with the aim to also reform European electoral processes;***

Or. en

Amendment 63

Sandro Gozi, Guy Verhofstadt, Max Orville, Alin Mituța, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Calls for a reform of the Treaties and in particular of Article 223 TFEU ***on*** the provisions necessary for the election of the Members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage;

Amendment

11. Calls for a reform of the Treaties and in particular of Article 223 TFEU, ***with a view to allow*** the provisions necessary for the election of the Members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage ***to be adopted by the Ordinary Legislative Procedure***

Or. en

Amendment 64

Sandro Gozi, Guy Verhofstadt, Max Orville, Alin Mituța, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Recalls that Parliament has adopted a resolution^{3a} and a Report containing proposals for the amendment of the Treaties, among others to increase the EU's democratic legitimacy, and to grant a proper follow-up to the proposals adopted by the Conference on the Future of Europe;

^{3a} P9_TA(2022)0244

Or. en

Amendment 65

Sandro Gozi, Guy Verhofstadt, Max Orville, Alin Mituța, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11b. Notes that the 2024 elections represent a unique occasion to commence a EU-wide debate on the reform of the Union on the basis of the proposals for the reform of the Treaties put forward by Parliament; Calls on the European Council to expeditiously adopt a position on the holding up of a convention after the adoption by Parliament of the abovementioned Report; calls on national and European political parties to make the persisting institutional challenges at EU level a focal point of their electoral campaigns;

Or. en

Amendment 66

Sandro Gozi, Guy Verhofstadt, Max Orville, Alin Mituța, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11c. Recalls that the Conference on the Future of Europe served as a Union-wide bottom-up democratic exercise aiming at identifying the short, medium, and long-term objectives of the EU in a wide-array of policy areas, such as environmental policy, external action of the Union, and institutional reforms; Calls on European Political Parties to discuss with the electorate the proposals which stem from the Conference;

Or. en

Amendment 67

Sandro Gozi, Guy Verhofstadt, Max Orville, Alin Mituța, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Citizens' participation and
enfranchisement

Citizens' participation and ***political rights***

Or. en

Amendment 68

Sandro Gozi, Guy Verhofstadt, Max Orville, Alin Mituța, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Considers it essential to guarantee that all citizens of the Union who have the right to vote and stand as a candidate, including mobile Union citizens, citizens with disabilities and citizens in a situation of homelessness, are able to exercise that right;

12. Considers it essential to guarantee that all citizens of the Union who have the right to vote and stand as a candidate, including mobile Union citizens, citizens with disabilities and citizens in a situation of homelessness, are able to exercise that right; ***points out that the creation of a single European electoral certificate***

could help implement the rights guaranteed by the Treaties for mobile citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 69

Daniel Freund

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls on the Member States to guarantee the accessibility of the elections through the introduction of measures aimed at ensuring access to information and accessible voting arrangements – for instance the use of assistive technologies, formats and techniques like Braille, QR codes, large print, audio-based information and tactile stencils;

Amendment

13. Calls on the Member States to guarantee the accessibility of the elections through the introduction of measures aimed at ensuring access to information and accessible voting arrangements – for instance the use of assistive technologies, formats and techniques like Braille, QR codes, large print, audio-based information and tactile stencils, *easy to read information and sign language communication; believes that public awareness campaigns are key to increasing turnout and calls on the Member States to make all efforts in this regard, also involving civil society organisations;*

Or. en

Amendment 70

Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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accessible voting arrangements – for instance the use of assistive technologies, formats and techniques like Braille, QR codes, large print, audio-based information and tactile stencils; ***calls on Member States to organize information campaigns about the European elections and to extend them to all regions, including to rural areas;***

Or. en

Amendment 71

Pascal Durand, Gabriele Bischoff, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Giuliano Pisapia

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Considers that access to information about the election campaign is a necessary condition for improving citizen's participation in the election;

Calls on the Member States to encourage their national media to cover the elections in such a way as to enable European citizens to exercise their right to vote and to perceive the European dimension of their choice;

Or. en

Amendment 72

Sandro Gozi, Guy Verhofstadt, Max Orville, Alin Mituța, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Reiterates its call on Member States to allow 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

14. Reiterates its call on Member States to allow 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; ***Regrets that the lack***

European Parliament;

of progress in the Council on the Commission proposal on a Council Directive laying down detailed arrangements for the exercise of the right to vote and stand as a candidate in elections to the European Parliament for mobile Union citizens in elections to the European Parliament will prevent the entry into force of the innovations put forward by Commission and Parliament in time for the 2024 Elections;

Or. en

Amendment 73
Othmar Karas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Reiterates its call on Member States to allow 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

14. Reiterates its call on Member States to allow 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; *invites the Member States to work hand in hand with the European Parliament and the European External Action Service to inform citizens of the Union in third countries on the European elections and to facilitate their participation in these elections;*'

Or. en

Amendment 74
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Encourages the introduction of

Amendment

15. Encourages the introduction of

postal voting to ensure that the inability to go to the polling stations on Election Day does not prevent citizens of the Union from exercising their right to vote;

postal voting to ensure that the inability to go to the polling stations on Election Day does not prevent citizens of the Union from exercising their right to vote; ***further advocates introducing complementary tools to facilitate voting, such as advance physical voting and proxy voting, as well as electronic and online voting;***

Or. en

Amendment 75

Daniel Freund

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Welcomes the progress made towards a gender-balanced Parliament following the 2019 European elections, but underlines the existing disparities between Member States with regard to their levels of representation of women; encourages, in this regard, the implementation of the provisions adopted by Parliament on 3 May 2022 on the new European electoral law;

Amendment

16. ***Considers gender equality to be a key element for improving representation in elections;*** welcomes the progress made towards a gender-balanced Parliament following the 2019 European elections, but underlines the existing disparities between Member States with regard to their levels of representation of women; encourages, in this regard, the implementation of the provisions adopted by Parliament on 3 May 2022 on the new European electoral law, ***namely the use of zipped lists or quotas;***

Or. en

Amendment 76

João Pimenta Lopes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Believes that ***Member States should consider aligning and lowering*** the

Amendment

17. Believes that ***it is for each Member State to determine*** the voting age and the

voting age and the minimum age for standing as a candidate, *as indicated in the electoral law proposal and the conclusions of the Conference on the Future of Europe*;

minimum age for standing as a candidate;

Or. pt

Amendment 77

Sven Simon

on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. *Supports the European Campaign Action Plan (E-CAP) as drafted by the European Authority for Political Parties and Political Foundations (APPF); stresses the importance of the APPF's work in informing citizens and preventing the misuse of data for electoral gain;*

Or. en

Amendment 78

João Pimenta Lopes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. *Considers that disinformation and external interference, regardless of their origin, constitute a serious attack on democracy, including electoral processes, in the Member States;*

Or. pt

Amendment 79

Victor Negrescu

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18**

Motion for a resolution

18. Believes that disinformation and foreign interference constitute a serious attack on the integrity of the electoral process and on European democracy;

Amendment

18. Believes that disinformation and foreign interference constitute a serious attack on the integrity of the electoral process and on European democracy; ***stresses that digital platforms have an essential role in the fight against disinformation;***

Or. en

Amendment 80

Sandro Gozi, Guy Verhofstadt, Max Orville, Alin Mituța, Charles Goerens

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19**

Motion for a resolution

19. Acknowledges the efforts made by the EU institutions to tackle disinformation and foreign interference, such as the 2022 Code of Practice on Disinformation and the Rapid Alert System; highlights, nonetheless, the need for more robust safeguards and measures against disinformation and internal and external interference in the electoral process;

Amendment

19. Acknowledges the efforts made by the EU institutions to tackle disinformation and foreign interference, such as the 2022 Code of Practice on Disinformation and the Rapid Alert System; highlights, nonetheless, the need for more robust safeguards and measures against disinformation and internal and external interference in the electoral process; ***commits to step up its efforts in combating foreign interference attempts within the European Parliament;***

Or. en

Amendment 81

Sandro Gozi, Guy Verhofstadt, Max Orville, Alin Mituța, Charles Goerens

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)**

19a. Points to the ongoing interinstitutional negotiations on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the transparency and targeting of political advertising; calls on the Commission and the Council to pursue interinstitutional negotiations in the spirit of sincere cooperation, with a view to allow its legal provisions to be in force ahead of the electoral campaign for the 2024 European elections;

Or. en