

**Question for written answer E-001998/2023**  
**to the Council**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: The Electoral Act: introducing direct universal suffrage for European elections

The German Constitutional Court has repeatedly rejected the implementation of an electoral threshold for the European elections on the ground that it would constitute a violation of the right to equal suffrage, which is enshrined in the German constitution.

Does Council Decision (EU, Euratom) 2018/994 of 13 July 2018 amending the Electoral Act to introduce direct universal suffrage for European elections have to be measured against the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and the rights enshrined therein (specifically Article 39)?

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