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Subject: Young Italians possibly excluded from the 2024 European elections

In Italy, 4.9 million people – approximately 10 % of the electorate – are at risk of being unable to exercise their rights in the June 2024 European elections. This mainly affects students and workers aged between 18 to 35 who reside abroad or in a different part of Italy than their municipality of origin.

Travelling back to their municipality in order to vote, as required by Italian law, entails buying expensive tickets. Current Italian legislation provides for partial reimbursement. However, some of the conditions attached to these reimbursements, such as opting for long-distance trains or flights operated by the national airline, severely reduce their effectiveness, given the high base prices.

Given that Articles 10 and 14 of the Treaty on European Union, Article 20(2)(b) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and Article 39 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU clearly enshrine the right of EU citizens to participate in the democratic life of the Union, and that Article 1(4) of Council Decision (EU, Euratom) 2018/994 gives Member States the option to set up advance voting, postal voting and electronic and internet voting for the European elections:

1. Does the lack of valid solutions to overcome these obstacles constitute an infringement of EU law?
2. What urgent measures does the Commission intend to take to put an end to this violation?

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