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Nominations for Members of the European Court of Auditors: Belgium and Finland

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Zoekterm begroting | begrotingscontrole | EU-instellingen en Europese overheid | Europese Rekenkamer | EUROPESE UNIE | FINANCIËN | kandidaat | POLITIEK | Recht van de Europese Unie | Verdrag betreffende de werking van de Europese Unie | verkiezingsmethode en stemming

Samenvatting This briefing describes the treaty provisions and appointment procedure for ECA members at EU level. In addition, it provides information on the national nomination procedure for ECA members in Belgium and Finland and the countries' candidates.

Briefing [EN](#)

Spitzenkandidaten or the lead candidate process: Ways to Europeanise elections to the European Parliament

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Beleidssterrein EU-democratie, institutioneel en parlementair recht

Zoekterm administratief beheer | balansanalyse | EU-instansie | EU-instellingen en Europese overheid | Europees Parlement | EUROPESE UNIE | Europese verkiezing | kandidaat | ONDERNEMING EN CONCURRENTIE | POLITIEK | politieke partij | politieke partijen | verkiezingsmethode en stemming

Samenvatting With the intention of informing discussion in the approach to the 2024 European elections, this study examines the historical, factual and legal aspects surrounding the Spitzenkandidaten, or lead candidate process, which establishes a political link between the nomination of the President of the European Commission and the political composition of the European Parliament. This study retraces the evolution of Parliament's role in the investiture of the President of the Commission, explains the reasons why such an innovation was deemed necessary as early as the early 1990s and assesses the results of this innovative process in the last two elections. The lead candidate process achieved its purposes with the election of Jean Claude Juncker as President of the European Commission in 2014, while this was not the case in 2019, Ursula von der Leyen not having been a candidate. There is therefore some uncertainty over the future of the lead candidate process and whether there is appetite for a repetition in 2024. This paper takes stock of the reasons for the failure in 2019 and assesses the aspects that performed well, and those that did not, in the past. The analysis concludes with proposals for the future, with a view to healing the fractures that emerged during the last appointment process, seeking to explore how the lead candidate process may become part of the European Union's institutional set-up.

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Towards new rules for European elections?

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Beleidssterrein EU-democratie, institutioneel en parlementair recht

Zoekterm EU-instellingen en Europese overheid | Europees afgevaardigde | EUROPESE UNIE | Europese verkiezing | harmonisatie van de wetgevingen | kandidaat | POLITIEK | RECHT | Recht van de Europese Unie | rechten en vrijheden | stemrecht | uitslag van de stemming | verkiezingsmethode en stemming | voorstel (EU)

Samenvatting In May 2022, the European Parliament adopted a draft legislative act proposing to repeal the 1976 European Electoral Act and replace it with a new Council regulation on the election of the Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) by direct universal suffrage. The aim is to harmonise a number of rules applicable to European elections, which are currently a combination between the common principles under the European Electoral Act and the different national rules implementing them. Harmonisation would affect several areas, such as the age for voting or standing as a candidate; the electoral calendar for European elections; the principles applicable to the selection of candidates, including from a gender perspective; and the electoral threshold. In addition, the proposal would establish a common electoral system for the election of 28 MEPs in a Union-wide constituency comprising the entire territory of the European Union. The ambition is to further Europeanise the elections to the European Parliament, which are frequently criticised for focusing mainly on domestic political considerations and less so on the EU project. To enter into force, the proposal needs to be adopted by the Council unanimously, after obtaining Parliament's consent by a majority of its component members. Moreover, all Member States need to approve it as per their constitutional requirements. Second edition. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure.

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Nominations for Members of the European Court of Auditors (Cyprus and Malta)

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Datum	13-04-2022
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Beleidsterrein	Begroting Begrotingscontrole EU-democratie, institutioneel en parlementair recht
Zoekterm	Cyprus economische geografie EU-instellingen en Europese overheid Europa Europees ambtenaar Europese Rekenkamer EUROPESE UNIE GEOGRAFIE Ierland kandidaat Malta Oostenrijk personeelslid (EU) Polen POLITIEK politieke geografie verkiezingsmethode en stemming
Samenvatting	As set out in Article 285 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), the European Court of Auditors (ECA) shall consist of one national of each Member State. Article 286 (2) TFEU further specifies that each Member State has the right to propose its candidate. The Council then adopts the list of Members as proposed by the Member States. Often, this is a partial renewal of the Court - only one or a few Members are appointed, as the mandates of the Members may expire at different points in time. The Council can only act after consulting the European Parliament; in practice, the Committee on Budgetary Control (CONT) is responsible and the Member-designate of the ECA makes a statement before the committee and has to answer its questions. CONT then votes on the nomination and thus issues a recommendation to plenary, which votes within two months of receipt of the nomination. In case of an unfavourable opinion, the President shall ask the Council to withdraw its nomination and to submit a new nomination (Rule 129 of the EP's Rules of Procedure). However, Parliament's opinion is not binding for the Council.

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The European Council in 2019

Publicatietype	Studie
Datum	30-11-2021
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Externe auteur	Dinan, Desmond
Beleidsterrein	Democratie
Zoekterm	Aantasting van het milieu ECONOMIE economisch beleid economisch beleid economische geografie EU-instellingen en Europese overheid Europa Europese Raad EUROPESE UNIE GEOGRAFIE interinstitutionele betrekkingen (EU) kandidaat klimaatverandering MILIEU Opbouw van Europa POLITIEK politieke geografie uittreding uit de EU Verenigd Koninkrijk verkiezingsmethode en stemming
Samenvatting	The year 2019 provided a respite for the European Council from crisis management, but was not without major challenges. Three stood out: the Spitzenkandidaten process for selecting the next President of the European Commission; Brexit, which unexpectedly remained on the agenda of the European Council throughout the year; and policy towards climate change. The European Council had mixed feelings about the Spitzenkandidaten process, with one of its leading members being adamantly opposed. That set the stage for a bruising battle, which culminated in an epic special summit, lasting from 30 June to 2 July. None of the transnational parties' lead candidates received the European Council's nomination. Instead, the European Council nominated a relative outsider, Ursula von der Leyen, as part of a package of appointments to leading EU positions, the cleverness of which managed to overcome differences among national leaders. Meanwhile, the inability of the UK government to win parliamentary support for the Withdrawal Agreement obliged the UK to request extensions of the deadline. Much to its surprise, the European Council met in the Article 50 format on four occasions in 2019, the last one being on 13 December, to discuss preparations for the negotiations on future EU-UK relations after the UK's eventual departure, which happened on 31 January 2020. Climate was another issue to the fore in 2019, as the European Council sought to reach unanimity on a commitment by the EU to cut net carbon emissions to zero by 2050. Failure to reach unanimity, during difficult negotiations at the December summit, was seen as a setback for the new President of the European Council, Charles Michel, who was attending his first meeting of the institution in that capacity.

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Nomination of a Polish member of the European Court of Auditors

Publicatietype	Kort overzicht
Datum	10-12-2020
Auteur	KOWALD KAROLINE
Beleidsterrein	Begrotingscontrole
Zoekterm	arbeidsrecht en -betrekkingen benoeming van de leden beroepsdeontologie economische geografie EU-instellingen en Europese overheid Europa EUROPESE UNIE GEOGRAFIE kandidaat lid van de Rekenkamer (EU) Polen POLITIEK politiek en openbare veiligheid politieke geografie politieke moraal verkiezingsmethode en stemming WERKGELEGENHEID EN ARBEID
Samenvatting	On 29 October 2020, the Polish government proposed the nomination of Marek Opiola, as a candidate for membership of the European Court of Auditors (ECA). There is currently no Polish member of the ECA, since Janusz Wojciechowski took office as European Commissioner on 1 December 2019. The European Parliament's Committee on Budgetary Control (CONT) held a hearing with the nominee on 7 December, and subsequently delivered an unfavourable opinion. A vote in plenary is scheduled for the December plenary session.

[Kort overzicht](#) [EN](#)

[Nominations for Members of the European Court of Auditors \(Poland\)](#)

Publicatietype Kort overzicht

Datum 02-12-2020

Auteur DEMBEK ANNA | FRANKE Michaela

Beleidsterrein Begroting | Begrotingscontrole

Zoekterm benoeming van de leden | economische geografie | EU-instellingen en Europese overheid | Europa | EUROPESE UNIE | GEOGRAFIE | institutionele opzet | kandidaat | lid van de Rekenkamer (EU) | Polen | POLITIEK | politiek en openbare veiligheid | politieke geografie | verkiezingsmethode en stemming

Samenvatting On the occasion of the nomination of a new Polish member for the Court of Auditors, this briefing describes the national nomination process and the roles of EP and Council.

[Kort overzicht EN](#)

[Commitments made at the hearing of Mairead MCGUINNESS, Commissioner-designate - Financial services, financial stability and the Capital Markets Union](#)

Publicatietype Briefing

Datum 08-10-2020

Auteur GRIGAITE KRISTINA | PACHECO DIAS CRISTINA SOFIA | PARENTI RADOSTINA | SEGALL REBECCA SARAH FANNY

Beleidsterrein Belastingen | Economische en monetaire zaken | Financiële en bankzaken

Zoekterm EU-instellingen en Europese overheid | EUROPESE UNIE | hoorzitting | kandidaat | Lid van de Europese Commissie | POLITIEK | verkiezingsmethode en stemming | Werkzaamheden van het parlement

Samenvatting The Commissioner-designate, Mairead McGuinness, appeared before the European Parliament on 02 October 2020 to answer questions put by MEPs from the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs. During the hearing, she made a number of commitments which are highlighted in this document. These commitments refer to her portfolio, as described in the mission letter sent to her by Ursula von der Leyen, President-elect of the European Commission and include Banking Union, Capital Markets Union and SMEs access to finance, sustainable finance, FinTech strategy and cryptocurrencies, comprehensive approach to fighting money laundering and more resilience to extraterritorial sanctions.

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[The von der Leyen Commission's priorities for 2019-2024](#)

Publicatietype Briefing

Datum 28-01-2020

Auteur BASSOT Etienne

Beleidsterrein EU-democratie, institutioneel en parlementair recht

Zoekterm democratie | digitale economie | ECONOMIE | economische structuur | EU-instellingen en Europese overheid | Europese sociale politiek | EUROPESE UNIE | groene economie | kandidaat | MILIEU | milieubeleid | Opbouw van Europa | POLITIEK | politiek programma | politieke organisatie | politieke partij | PRODUCTIE, TECHNOLOGIE EN ONDERZOEK | promotie van de Europese gedachte | situatie van de Europese Unie | sociaal leven | SOCIALE VRAAGSTUKKEN | technologie en technische voorschriften | technologische verandering | verkiezingsmethode en stemming | verkiezingsprogramma | voorzitter van de Commissie

Samenvatting In her statements to the European Parliament in July and November 2019, as candidate for European Commission President and President-elect respectively, Ursula von der Leyen outlined the six political priorities that would shape the working programme of the European Commission over the next five years. While the former Commission President, Jean-Claude Juncker, had claimed to lead a 'political Commission', his successor, Ursula von der Leyen, has pledged to lead a 'geopolitical Commission'. Such a Commission will have a political agenda in which reinforcing the EU's role as a relevant international actor, and trying to shape a better global order through reinforcing multilateralism, is to become a key priority ('A stronger Europe in the world'). The other main political priorities of the Commission are brought together under five broad headings: 'A European Green Deal', 'A Europe fit for the digital age', 'An economy that works for people', 'A new push for European democracy', and 'Promoting the European way of life'. Together they define the framework within which the Commission will act in the coming five years. The structure and working methods announced by von der Leyen show that her Commission will differ from its predecessors in a number of ways.

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[Commitments made at the hearing of Jutta URPIILAINEN, Commissioner-designate - International Partnerships](#)

Publicatietype Briefing

Datum 22-11-2019

Auteur BERNARDINI FLAVIA

Beleidssterrein Buitenlandse zaken | Democratie | Internationale handel | Mensenrechten | Ontwikkelings- en humanitaire hulp

Zoekterm betrekking van de Europese Unie | buitenlands beleid | EU-instellingen en Europese overheid | EUROPESE UNIE | hoorzitting | INTERNATIONALE BETREKKINGEN | internationale veiligheid | kandidaat | Lid van de Europese Commissie | Opbouw van Europa | POLITIEK | politiek programma | politieke partij | verkiezingsmethode en stemming | Werkzaamheden van het parlement

Samenvatting The Commissioner-designate, Jutta Urpilainen, appeared before the European Parliament on 01 October 2019 to answer MEPs' questions. During the hearing, she made a number of commitments which are highlighted in this document. These commitments refer to her portfolio, as described in the mission letter sent to her by Ursula von der Leyen, President-elect of the European Commission, including:
Building sustainable partnerships.

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[Commitments made at the hearing of Olivér VÁRHELYI, Commissioner-designate - Neighbourhood and Enlargement](#)

Publicatietype Briefing

Datum 22-11-2019

Auteur DE MUNTER André | JIRACEK MICHAL | JONGBERG Kirsten

Beleidssterrein Buitenlandse zaken

Zoekterm betrekking van de Europese Unie | economische geografie | EU-instellingen en Europese overheid | EUROPESE UNIE | GEOGRAFIE | hoorzitting | kandidaat | Lid van de Europese Commissie | Opbouw van Europa | POLITIEK | politiek programma | politieke partij | uitbreiding van de Europese Unie | verkiezingsmethode en stemming | Werkzaamheden van het parlement | westelijke Balkan

Samenvatting Commissioner-designate Olivér Várhelyi appeared before the European Parliament on 14 November 2019 to answer questions from MEPs in the Committee on Foreign Affairs (the Committee on International Trade was invited). This document highlights a number of commitments which he made during the hearing. They refer to his portfolio, as described in the mission letter sent to him by Ursula von der Leyen, President-elect of the European Commission, including:
Western Balkans and Turkey;
Eastern Neighbourhood;
Southern Neighbourhood.

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[Commitments made at the hearing of Janez LENARČIČ, Commissioner-designate - Crisis Management](#)

Publicatietype Briefing

Datum 22-11-2019

Auteur URBINA TREVIÑO Gonzalo

Beleidssterrein Buitenlandse zaken | Genderkwesties, gelijkheid en diversiteit | Internationale handel | Mensenrechten | Milieu | Onderwijs | Ontwikkelings- en humanitaire hulp

Zoekterm burgerbescherming | EU-instellingen en Europese overheid | EUROPESE UNIE | hoorzitting | humanitaire hulp | INTERNATIONALE BETREKKINGEN | kandidaat | Lid van de Europese Commissie | POLITIEK | politiek en openbare veiligheid | politiek programma | politieke partij | samenwerkingsbeleid | verkiezingsmethode en stemming | Werkzaamheden van het parlement

Samenvatting The commissioner-designate, Janez Lenarčič, appeared before the European Parliament on 02 October 2019 to answer questions from MEPs in the Committee on Development, in association with the Committee on Environment. During the hearing, he made a number of commitments which are highlighted in this document. These commitments refer to his portfolio, as described in the mission letter sent to him by Ursula von der Leyen, President-elect of the European Commission, including:
European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid.

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Hearings of the Commissioners-designate: Mariya Gabriel – Innovation and Youth

Publicatietype Briefing

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Auteur KATSAROVA Ivana

Beleidssterrein Cultuur | Onderwijs | Onderzoeksbeleid

Zoekterm benoeming van de leden | commissie EP | documentatie | EU-instellingen en Europese overheid | EU-programma | EUROPESE UNIE | goedkeuringsprocedure | jeugdbeleid | kaderprogramma voor onderzoek en ontwikkeling | kandidaat | Lid van de Europese Commissie | Opbouw van Europa | opvoeding | OPVOEDING, ONDERWIJS EN COMMUNICATIE | parlementaire procedure | POLITIEK | PRODUCTIE, TECHNOLOGIE EN ONDERZOEK | Recht van de Europese Unie | research en intellectuele eigendom | samenvatting van een tekst | schooluitwisseling | sociaal leven | SOCIALE VRAAGSTUKKEN | verkiezingsmethode en stemming | verspreiding van EU-informatie over de EU | Werkzaamheden van het parlement

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Hearings of the Commissioners-designate: Phil Hogan – Trade

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Auteur BINDER Krisztina

Beleidssterrein Internationale handel

Zoekterm benoeming van de leden | commissie EP | documentatie | ECONOMIE, VERKEER EN HANDELSVERKEER | EU-instellingen en Europese overheid | EUROPESE UNIE | goedkeuringsprocedure | handelsovereenkomst (EU) | internationale handel | internationale handel | INTERNATIONALE ORGANISATIES | kandidaat | Lid van de Europese Commissie | Opbouw van Europa | OPVOEDING, ONDERWIJS EN COMMUNICATIE | parlementaire procedure | POLITIEK | Recht van de Europese Unie | samenvatting van een tekst | uittreding uit de EU | verkiezingsmethode en stemming | verspreiding van EU-informatie over de EU | Wereldhandelsorganisatie | wereldwijde organisaties | Werkzaamheden van het parlement

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Hearings of the Commissioners-designate: Johannes Hahn – Budget and Administration

Publicatietype Briefing

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Auteur D'ALFONSO Alessandro

Beleidssterrein Begroting | Begrotingscontrole

Zoekterm benoeming van de leden | bijdrage van de lidstaten | commissie EP | documentatie | eigen middelen | EU-instellingen en Europese overheid | EUROPESE UNIE | Financiën van de EU | goedkeuringsprocedure | kandidaat | Lid van de Europese Commissie | meerjarig financieel kader | Opbouw van Europa | OPVOEDING, ONDERWIJS EN COMMUNICATIE | parlementaire procedure | POLITIEK | Recht van de Europese Unie | samenvatting van een tekst | uittreding uit de EU | verkiezingsmethode en stemming | verspreiding van EU-informatie over de EU | Werkzaamheden van het parlement

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Hearings of the Commissioners-designate: Dubravka Šuica – Vice-President: Democracy and Demography

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Auteur KISS Monika

Beleidsterrein EU-democratie, institutioneel en parlementair recht | Genderkwesties, gelijkheid en diversiteit | Sociaal beleid

Zoekterm benoeming van de leden | commissie EP | democratie | demografie | demografie en bevolking | documentatie | EU-instellingen en Europese overheid | EUROPESE UNIE | goedkeuringsprocedure | kandidaat | Lid van de Europese Commissie | OPVOEDING, ONDERWIJS EN COMMUNICATIE | parlementaire procedure | POLITIEK | politieke organisatie | RECHT | Recht van de Europese Unie | rechten en vrijheden | samenvatting van een tekst | sociale rechten | SOCIALE VRAAGSTUKKEN | verkiezingsmethode en stemming | verspreiding van EU-informatie over de EU | vice-voorzitter van de instelling | Werkzaamheden van het parlement

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Hearings of the Commissioners-designate: Kadri Simson - Energy

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Datum 26-09-2019

Auteur WILSON Alex Benjamin

Beleidsterrein Energie | EU-democratie, institutioneel en parlementair recht | Industrie | Onderzoekbeleid | Vaststelling van wetgeving door het EP en de Raad

Zoekterm benoeming van de leden | commissie EP | documentatie | ENERGIE | energie-efficiëntie | energiebeleid | EU-energiebeleid | EU-instellingen en Europese overheid | EUROPESE UNIE | gasdistributie | goedkeuringsprocedure | kandidaat | Lid van de Europese Commissie | OPVOEDING, ONDERWIJS EN COMMUNICATIE | parlementaire procedure | POLITIEK | Recht van de Europese Unie | regenererbare energie | samenvatting van een tekst | SOCIALE VRAAGSTUKKEN | stedenbouw | verkiezingsmethode en stemming | verspreiding van EU-informatie over de EU | Werkzaamheden van het parlement | zachte energie

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Hearings of the Commissioners-designate: Jutta Urpilainen - International Partnerships

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Auteur LATEK Marta | PICHON Eric

Beleidsterrein EU-democratie, institutioneel en parlementair recht | Ontwikkelings- en humanitaire hulp | Vaststelling van wetgeving door het EP en de Raad

Zoekterm benoeming van de leden | commissie EP | documentatie | duurzame ontwikkeling | ECONOMIE | economisch beleid | EU-instellingen en Europese overheid | EUROPESE UNIE | gemeenschappelijk buitenlands en veiligheidsbeleid | goedkeuringsprocedure | INTERNATIONALE BETREKKINGEN | internationale rol van de EU | kandidaat | Lid van de Europese Commissie | ontwikkelingshulp | Opbouw van Europa | OPVOEDING, ONDERWIJS EN COMMUNICATIE | parlementaire procedure | POLITIEK | Recht van de Europese Unie | samenvatting van een tekst | samenwerkingsbeleid | verkiezingsmethode en stemming | verspreiding van EU-informatie over de EU | Werkzaamheden van het parlement

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Hearings of the Commissioners-designate: Janez Lenarčič - Crisis Management

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Auteur D'AMBROGIO Enrico

Beleidsterrein EU-democratie, institutioneel en parlementair recht | Ontwikkelings- en humanitaire hulp | Vaststelling van wetgeving door het EP en de Raad

Zoekterm administratief beheer | benoeming van de leden | commissie EP | crisisbeheersing | documentatie | ECHO | EU-instellingen en Europese overheid | EUROPESE UNIE | goedkeuringsprocedure | humanitaire hulp | INTERNATIONALE BETREKKINGEN | kandidaat | Lid van de Europese Commissie | migratiebeleid van de EU | migraties | ONDERNEMING EN CONCURRENTIE | OPVOEDING, ONDERWIJS EN COMMUNICATIE | parlementaire procedure | POLITIEK | Recht van de Europese Unie | samenvatting van een tekst | samenwerkingsbeleid | SOCIALE VRAAGSTUKKEN | verkiezingsmethode en stemming | verspreiding van EU-informatie over de EU | Werkzaamheden van het parlement

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Hearings of the Commissioners-designate: Maroš Šefčovič – Vice-President: Interinstitutional Relations and Foresight

Publicatietype Briefing

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Auteur TILINDYTE-HUMBURG Laura

Beleidsterrein EU-recht: rechtsstelsel en -handelingen | Toekomstplanning

Zoekterm beleidsvorming | benoeming van de leden | commissie EP | documentatie | EU-instellingen en Europese overheid | EUROPESE UNIE | goedkeuringsprocedure | interinstitutionele betrekkingen (EU) | kandidaat | Lid van de Europese Commissie | OPVOEDING, ONDERWIJS EN COMMUNICATIE | parlementaire procedure | POLITIEK | Recht van de Europese Unie | samenvatting van een tekst | uitvoerende macht en overheidsadministratie | verkiezingsmethode en stemming | verspreiding van EU-informatie over de EU | vice-voorzitter van de instelling | Werkzaamheden van het parlement

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Hearings of the Commissioners-designate: Sylvie Goulard - Internal Market

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Auteur KARAKAS Cemal

Beleidsterrein Consumentenbescherming | EU-democratie, institutioneel en parlementair recht | Interne markt en douane-unie | Vaststelling van wetgeving door het EP en de Raad

Zoekterm benoeming van de leden | commissie EP | documentatie | EU-industriebeleid | EU-instellingen en Europese overheid | EUROPESE UNIE | goedkeuringsprocedure | INDUSTRIE | industriebeleid en -structuur | Informatica en gegevensverwerking | informatiebeveiliging | interne markt | kandidaat | Lid van de Europese Commissie | Opbouw van Europa | OPVOEDING, ONDERWIJS EN COMMUNICATIE | parlementaire procedure | POLITIEK | PRODUCTIE, TECHNOLOGIE EN ONDERZOEK | Recht van de Europese Unie | samenvatting van een tekst | technologie en technische voorschriften | technologische verandering | verkiezingsmethode en stemming | verspreiding van EU-informatie over de EU | Werkzaamheden van het parlement

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Hearings of the Commissioners-designate: Helena Dalli - Equality

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Auteur SHREEVES Rosamund

Beleidssterrein EU-democratie, institutioneel en parlementair recht | Genderkwesties, gelijkheid en diversiteit | Sociaal beleid | Vaststelling van wetgeving door het EP en de Raad | Werkgelegenheid

Zoekterm benoeming van de leden | bestrijding van discriminatie | commissie EP | documentatie | EU-instellingen en Europese overheid | EUROPESE UNIE | gelijke behandeling van man en vrouw | goedkeuringsprocedure | kandidaat | Lid van de Europese Commissie | OPVOEDING, ONDERWIJS EN COMMUNICATIE | parlementaire procedure | POLITIEK | RECHT | Recht van de Europese Unie | rechten en vrijheden | rechten van de mens | rechten van de vrouw | samenvatting van een tekst | verkiezingsmethode en stemming | verspreiding van EU-informatie over de EU | Werkzaamheden van het parlement

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Hearings of the Commissioners-designate: Didier Reynders - Justice

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Auteur MAŃKO Rafał | VORONOVA Sofija

Beleidssterrein EU-democratie, institutioneel en parlementair recht | EU-recht: rechtsstelsel en -handelingen | Internationaal privaatrecht en justitiële samenwerking in burgerlijke zaken | Ruimte van vrijheid, veiligheid en recht | Vaststelling van wetgeving door het EP en de Raad

Zoekterm benoeming van de leden | commissie EP | documentatie | EU-instellingen en Europese overheid | EUROPESE UNIE | gemeenschappelijk veiligheids- en defensiebeleid | goedkeuringsprocedure | grondrechten | Informatica en gegevensverwerking | informaticarecht | kandidaat | Lid van de Europese Commissie | Opbouw van Europa | OPVOEDING, ONDERWIJS EN COMMUNICATIE | parlementaire procedure | POLITIEK | politieke organisatie | RECHT | Recht van de Europese Unie | rechten en vrijheden | rechtsstaat | samenvatting van een tekst | verkiezingsmethode en stemming | verspreiding van EU-informatie over de EU | Werkzaamheden van het parlement

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Hearings of the Commissioners-designate: Valdis Dombrovskis – Vice-President: An Economy that works for people

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Auteur STAMEGNA CARLA

Beleidssterrein Economische en monetaire zaken | Sociaal beleid | Werkgelegenheid

Zoekterm arbeidsbetrekking | arbeidsrecht en -betrekkingen | benoeming van de leden | commissie EP | documentatie | ECONOMIE | Economische en Monetaire Unie | economische structuur | EU-instellingen en Europese overheid | EUROPESE UNIE | FINANCIËN | goedkeuringsprocedure | kandidaat | Lid van de Europese Commissie | markteconomie | monetaire economie | OPVOEDING, ONDERWIJS EN COMMUNICATIE | parlementaire procedure | POLITIEK | Recht van de Europese Unie | samenvatting van een tekst | verkiezingsmethode en stemming | verspreiding van EU-informatie over de EU | vice-voorzitter van de instelling | WERKGELEGENHEID EN ARBEID | Werkzaamheden van het parlement

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[Hearings of the Commissioners-designate: Stella Kyriakides - Health](#)

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Beleidssterrein EU-democratie, institutioneel en parlementair recht | Milieu | Vaststelling van wetgeving door het EP en de Raad | Voedselveiligheid | Volksgezondheid

Zoekterm benoeming van de leden | commissie EP | documentatie | EU-instellingen en Europese overheid | EUROPESE UNIE | fyto-sanitaire wetgeving | gezondheid | gezondheid van dieren | goedkeuringsprocedure | kandidaat | LANDBOUW, BOSBOUW, EN VISSERIJ | landbouwactiviteit | landbouwbeleid | Lid van de Europese Commissie | OPVOEDING, ONDERWIJS EN COMMUNICATIE | parlementaire procedure | POLITIEK | Recht van de Europese Unie | samenvatting van een tekst | SOCIALE VRAAGSTUKKEN | verkiezingsmethode en stemming | verspreiding van EU-informatie over de EU | voedselveiligheid | volksgezondheid | Werkzaamheden van het parlement

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[Hearings of the Commissioners-designate: Margrethe Vestager – Vice-President: A Europe fit for the digital age](#)

Publicatietype Briefing

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Auteur SZCZEPANSKI Marcin

Beleidssterrein Consumentenbescherming | Economische en monetaire zaken | Industrie | Interne markt en douane-unie | Onderzoeksbeleid

Zoekterm benoeming van de leden | commissie EP | concurrentie | documentatie | effecten van informatietechnologie | EU-instellingen en Europese overheid | EU-mededingingsbeleid | EUROPESE UNIE | goedkeuringsprocedure | Informatica en gegevensverwerking | kandidaat | Lid van de Europese Commissie | ONDERNEMING EN CONCURRENTIE | OPVOEDING, ONDERWIJS EN COMMUNICATIE | parlementaire procedure | POLITIEK | PRODUCTIE, TECHNOLOGIE EN ONDERZOEK | Recht van de Europese Unie | samenvatting van een tekst | technologie en technische voorschriften | technologische verandering | verkiezingsmethode en stemming | verspreiding van EU-informatie over de EU | vice-voorzitter van de instelling | Werkzaamheden van het parlement

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[Hearings of the Commissioners-designate: Elisa Ferreira - Cohesion and Reforms](#)

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Auteur VAN LIEROP Christiaan

Beleidssterrein EU-democratie, institutioneel en parlementair recht | Regionale ontwikkeling | Vaststelling van wetgeving door het EP en de Raad

Zoekterm benoeming van de leden | commissie EP | documentatie | duurzame ontwikkeling | ECONOMIE | economisch beleid | economische convergentie | economische en sociale samenhang | EU-instellingen en Europese overheid | EUROPESE UNIE | goedkeuringsprocedure | kandidaat | Lid van de Europese Commissie | Opbouw van Europa | OPVOEDING, ONDERWIJS EN COMMUNICATIE | parlementaire procedure | POLITIEK | Recht van de Europese Unie | Regio en regionaal beleid | regionale ontwikkeling | samenvatting van een tekst | verkiezingsmethode en stemming | verspreiding van EU-informatie over de EU | Werkzaamheden van het parlement

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Hearings of the Commissioners-designate: Janusz Wojciechowski - Agriculture

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Auteur MCELDOWNEY James

Beleidsterrein EU-democratie, institutioneel en parlementair recht | Landbouw en plattelandsontwikkeling | Vaststelling van wetgeving door het EP en de Raad

Zoekterm benoeming van de leden | commissie EP | documentatie | ECONOMIE | EU-instellingen en Europese overheid | EUROPESE UNIE | Financiën van de EU | gemeenschappelijk landbouwbeleid | goedkeuringsprocedure | kandidaat | LANDBOUW, BOSBOUW, EN VISSERIJ | landbouwbeleid | Lid van de Europese Commissie | meerjarig financieel kader | ontwikkeling van het platteland | OPVOEDING, ONDERWIJS EN COMMUNICATIE | parlementaire procedure | POLITIEK | Recht van de Europese Unie | Regio en regionaal beleid | samenvatting van een tekst | verkiezingsmethode en stemming | verspreiding van EU-informatie over de EU | Werkzaamheden van het parlement

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Hearings of the Commissioners-designate: Frans Timmermans – Vice-President: European Green Deal

Publicatietype Briefing

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Auteur ERBACH Gregor

Beleidsterrein Milieu | Voedselveiligheid | Volksgezondheid

Zoekterm beleid inzake klimaatverandering | benoeming van de leden | circulaire economie | commissie EP | documentatie | ECONOMIE | economisch beleid | EU-instellingen en Europese overheid | EUROPESE UNIE | goedkeuringsprocedure | groene economie | kandidaat | Lid van de Europese Commissie | MILIEU | milieubeleid | OPVOEDING, ONDERWIJS EN COMMUNICATIE | parlementaire procedure | POLITIEK | Recht van de Europese Unie | samenvatting van een tekst | verkiezingsmethode en stemming | verspreiding van EU-informatie over de EU | vice-voorzitter van de instelling | Werkzaamheden van het parlement

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Hearings of the Commissioners-designate: Paolo Gentiloni - Economy

Publicatietype Briefing

Datum 26-09-2019

Auteur DELIVORIAS Angelos

Beleidsterrein Economische en monetaire zaken | EU-democratie, institutioneel en parlementair recht | Vaststelling van wetgeving door het EP en de Raad

Zoekterm belastingwezen | benoeming van de leden | commissie EP | documentatie | Economische en Monetaire Unie | EU-instellingen en Europese overheid | Europese fiscale samenwerking | EUROPESE UNIE | FINANCIËN | goedkeuringsprocedure | investering en financiering | investering van de EU | kandidaat | Lid van de Europese Commissie | monetaire economie | OPVOEDING, ONDERWIJS EN COMMUNICATIE | parlementaire procedure | POLITIEK | Recht van de Europese Unie | samenvatting van een tekst | sociale bescherming | SOCIALE VRAAGSTUKKEN | verkiezingsmethode en stemming | verspreiding van EU-informatie over de EU | werkloosheidsverzekering | Werkzaamheden van het parlement

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Hearings of the Commissioners-designate: Věra Jourová – Vice-President: Values and Transparency

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Auteur DIAZ CREGO Maria

Beleidssterrein EU-democratie, institutioneel en parlementair recht | EU-recht: rechtsstelsel en -handelingen | Ruimte van vrijheid, veiligheid en recht

Zoekterm benoeming van de leden | commissie EP | democratie | documentatie | EU-instellingen en Europese overheid | EUROPESE UNIE | goedkeuringsprocedure | grondrechten | kandidaat | Lid van de Europese Commissie | OPVOEDING, ONDERWIJS EN COMMUNICATIE | parlementaire procedure | POLITIEK | politieke organisatie | RECHT | Recht van de Europese Unie | rechten en vrijheden | rechtsstaat | samenvatting van een tekst | verkiezingsmethode en stemming | verspreiding van EU-informatie over de EU | vice-voorzitter van de instelling | Werkzaamheden van het parlement

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Hearings of the Commissioners-designate: Josep Borrell Fontelles – High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy / Vice-President: A Stronger Europe in the World

Publicatietype Briefing

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Auteur STANICEK BRANISLAV

Beleidssterrein Buitenlandse zaken | Veiligheid en defensie

Zoekterm benoeming van de leden | commissie EP | documentatie | EU-instellingen en Europese overheid | Europese Dienst voor extern optreden | EUROPESE UNIE | gemeenschappelijk buitenlands en veiligheidsbeleid | geopolitiek | goedkeuringsprocedure | kandidaat | Lid van de Europese Commissie | menswetenschappen | Opbouw van Europa | OPVOEDING, ONDERWIJS EN COMMUNICATIE | parlementaire procedure | POLITIEK | Recht van de Europese Unie | samenvatting van een tekst | verkiezingsmethode en stemming | verspreiding van EU-informatie over de EU | vice-voorzitter van de instelling | Werkzaamheden van het parlement | WETENSCHAPPEN

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Parliamentary hearings of the Commissioners-designate: A decisive step in the investiture process

Publicatietype Briefing

Datum 23-09-2019

Auteur DIAZ CREGO Maria

Beleidssterrein EU-democratie, institutioneel en parlementair recht

Zoekterm benoeming van de leden | commissie EP | democratisering | documentatie | EU-instellingen en Europese overheid | EUROPESE UNIE | goedkeuringsprocedure | kandidaat | Lid van de Europese Commissie | OPVOEDING, ONDERWIJS EN COMMUNICATIE | parlementaire procedure | POLITIEK | Recht van de Europese Unie | samenvatting van een tekst | uitvoerende macht en overheidsadministratie | verkiezingsmethode en stemming | verspreiding van EU-informatie over de EU | Werkzaamheden van het parlement

Samenvatting The hearings of the Commissioners-designate before the European Parliament's committees are a necessary ingredient in informing Parliament's decision to give its consent to, or reject, the proposed college. Each Commissioner-designate appears before a single hearing, involving one or more parliamentary committees, after responding to a written questionnaire and presenting his or her declaration of interests. In past hearings, the main points of criticism have been some candidates' lack of specialist knowledge of their portfolio, their vague answers and reluctance to make commitments, the existence of possible conflicts of interests in relation to the assigned portfolio and concerns regarding the integrity of the candidate. From the 2004 investiture on, Parliament has used its role in the appointment of the Commission to press for the replacement of certain controversial candidates and to force adjustments to certain portfolios, although it can only reject or accept the college as a whole. Whilst some experts warn of excessive politicisation of the hearings, others welcome the increased accountability of the Commission to Parliament, and see the deepening political link between the two as a step towards further democratisation of the EU decision-making process. Hearings have become critical for Parliament's holding the Commission to account, and are gaining in significance as a means for Parliament to take a greater role in agenda-setting at EU level. This is a further updated and expanded version of a 2014 briefing by Eva-Maria Poptcheva.

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Role and election of the President of the European Commission

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Auteur KOTANIDIS Silvia

Beleidsterrein EU-democratie, institutioneel en parlementair recht

Zoekterm benoeming van de leden | documentatie | EU-instellingen en Europese overheid | Europees Parlement | EUROPESE UNIE | goedkeuringsprocedure | interinstitutionele betrekkingen (EU) | kandidaat | OPVOEDING, ONDERWIJS EN COMMUNICATIE | parlementaire procedure | POLITIEK | Recht van de Europese Unie | samenvatting van een tekst | verkiezingsmethode en stemming | verspreiding van EU-informatie over de EU | voorzitter van de Commissie | Werkzaamheden van het parlement

Samenvatting The President of the European Commission has taken on an ever more prominent leading role within the College of Commissioners, with the increasingly presidential system eclipsing the principle of collegiate decision-making. With the European Parliament now more involved in the appointment, the Presidency has not only become a much more politicised office, but the President has also gained greater influence vis-à-vis the other members of the Commission. The Commission President plays a crucial role in relations between Parliament and Commission. Presenting his or her priorities to Parliament prior to election sets the course for the whole term, on which the President will be called to account by Parliament. Building on this, Parliament has an increasingly prominent role in political agenda-setting, shaping the EU's legislative programming together with the Commission and the Council. At the end of President Barroso's second term as Commission President, many had criticised the lack of ambitious initiatives undertaken, whereas others believe that the economic and institutional difficulties which the EU faced made this inevitable. The legacy of President Juncker's mandate can claim, on the one hand, to show progress in trade and defence, although some maintain that more ambition could have been displayed in other areas, for instance on the digital market or monetary union. On the other hand, the Juncker Commission introduced some significant changes in the College's working methods and a more political role for the Commission. Whereas Jean-Claude Juncker had been a Spitzenkandidat (lead candidate) in the European elections, Ursula von der Leyen, nominated as candidate for the Commission presidency by the European Council on 2 July, was not. As none of the Spitzenkandidaten were seen to have a clear majority in Parliament, it remains to be seen whether an 'outsider' from that process can muster the support of the required majority of Parliament's component Members at the time of the election, currently planned for the July II plenary session. This is an updated edition of a 2014 briefing drafted by Eva-Maria Poptcheva.

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2018 elections in Colombia: A test for peace?

Publicatietype Briefing

Datum 25-05-2018

Auteur GOMEZ RAMIREZ Enrique

Beleidsterrein Buitenlandse zaken

Zoekterm Amerika | Colombia | economische geografie | EP-resolutie | EU-fonds | EUROPESE UNIE | Financiën van de EU | GEOGRAFIE | INTERNATIONALE BETREKKINGEN | internationale rol van de EU | internationale veiligheid | kandidaat | Opbouw van Europa | organisatie van verkiezingen | POLITIEK | politieke geografie | presidentsverkiezing | Recht van de Europese Unie | totstandbrenging van de vrede | verkiezingsmethode en stemming

Samenvatting 2018 is an important election year in Colombia, with legislative elections held in March, and the presidential election due on 27 May, with a second round probable, on 17 June, if no candidate gets over 50 % of the vote. It is also the first time in more than 50 years that elections are being held in peace, after an agreement was reached, and is now being implemented, with the guerilla, FARC. The legislative elections have left a fragmented Congress dominated by the right, and the presidential race, though still uncertain, seems to be polarised by a right-wing candidate, Ivan Duque, and his left-wing opponent, Gustavo Petro. Of the six candidates for the presidency, only Ivan Duque, from the Democratic Centre, has openly opposed the agreements made with the FARC, and has promised to make 'structural modifications', in particular regarding the Special Justice for Peace mechanism. The EU, which has actively supported the peace process in Colombia, has sent an electoral expert mission to follow the elections, and the European Parliament will also be present, through a multi-party delegation of eight MEPs.

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Het Europees Parlement: verkiezingsprocedures

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Beleidsterrein EU-democratie, institutioneel en parlementair recht | EU-recht: rechtsstelsel en -handelingen

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Samenvatting De wijze waarop het Europees Parlement wordt verkozen, is zowel het resultaat van Europese wetgeving, waarin regels voor alle lidstaten worden vastgelegd, als van specifieke nationale bepalingen, die van lidstaat tot lidstaat verschillen. In de gemeenschappelijke regels is het beginsel van evenredige vertegenwoordiging vastgelegd en wordt bepaald welke functies onverenigbaar zijn met het lidmaatschap van het Europees Parlement. Voor heel wat andere belangrijke aangelegenheden, zoals het kiesstelsel en het aantal kiesdistricten, gelden nationale bepalingen.

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[South Korea's presidential election: Potential for a new EU role in the Korean Peninsula](#)

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Samenvatting South Korea has been shaken by a succession of corruption scandals involving politicians, judges, senior officials, businessmen and even academics. Impeachment of the country's first female president, the conservative Park Guen-hye, was confirmed by the Constitutional Court, and snap Presidential elections take place on 9 May 2017. Moon Jae-in, a liberal politician and a leading Minjoo (Democratic Party) personality, leads the polls and is the prospective next President of South Korea. Whoever will run the country is expected to launch an era of political and constitutional reform, as well as reducing the power of the chaebol, business conglomerates which enjoy outsize influence and impunity. Moon and the Minjoo are critical of deployment of the US-developed anti-missile shield, Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense (THAAD). A new direction to relations with North Korea is also expected, with a shift from military deterrence to an engagement attitude. This new course could favour stability in the region, paving the way for a new role for the European Union, which could offer its experience in dialogue and integration to engage in a possible future denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula.

[Briefing](#) [EN](#)

[Moldova ahead of the presidential election](#)

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Samenvatting Moldova is facing tough internal and external challenges. The domestic political situation is characterised by chronic instability and massive public protests, which have prompted the decision to hold direct presidential elections on 30 October 2016, the first in more than a decade. Most candidates represent Moldova's main political parties, reflecting the growing pro-Europe and pro-Russia divide that mirrors the geopolitical tensions in the region, inflamed by the Ukraine crisis. Please click here for the full publication in PDF format

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[Understanding US Presidential elections](#)

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Zoekterm [Amerika](#) | [economische geografie](#) | [financiering van een verkiezing](#) | [financieringswijze](#) | [FINANCIËN](#) | [GEOGRAFIE](#) | [investeren en financiering](#) | [kandidaat](#) | [kiesrecht](#) | [kiezerscorps](#) | [POLITIEK](#) | [politieke geografie](#) | [presidentsverkiezing](#) | [Verenigde Staten](#) | [verkiezingsmethode en stemming](#) | [voorverkiezing](#)

Samenvatting In July 2016, the two major US parties will nominate their respective official candidate for the 58th US presidential election which takes place in November. With less than three months before the national conventions, and a large number of delegates already allocated, on the Democratic side, Hillary Clinton is running ahead of Bernie Sanders towards the nomination. On the Republican side there is still much uncertainty about who will finally be named official candidate. The President is head of state, head of government, and Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces. Thus, presidential elections are an important part of American political life. Although millions of American citizens vote in presidential elections every four years, the President is not, in fact, directly elected by the people. Citizens elect the members of the Electoral College, who then cast their votes for the President and Vice President. While key elements of the presidential election are spelled out in the US Constitution, other aspects have been shaped by state laws, national party rules and state party rules. This explains why presidential campaigns have evolved over time, from the days when presidential candidates were nominated in the House of Representatives by the 'King caucus', to an almost exclusively political party-dominated convention system, and finally to the modern system of nominations based on primaries, introduced progressively to increase democratic participation. A number of additional developments have also played an important role in shaping today's presidential elections, notably political party efforts to limit 'frontloading'; the organisation of the Electoral College system and the changes to the campaign financing system.

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[2016 elections in Peru](#)

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Zoekterm Amerika | betrekking van de Europese Unie | economische geografie | EUROPESE UNIE | GEOGRAFIE | kandidaat | kiesstelsel | Opbouw van Europa | parlamentsverkiezing | Peru | POLITIEK | politiek en openbare veiligheid | politieke geografie | politieke partij | politieke partijen | politieke situatie | presidentsverkiezing | toezicht op de verkiezingen | verkiezingsmethode en stemming

Samenvatting Peru will hold a general election on 10 April 2016, and all polls have Keiko Fujimori, candidate for the Popular Force party, as clear favourite for the presidential contest. The EU has sent an Election Observation Mission led by Renate Weber, MEP. The electoral process has been marked by the recent exclusion by the National Electoral Board (JNE) of two of the best-placed presidential candidates: Julio Guzmán – who was running second in the polls – and César Acuña.

Kort overzicht [EN](#)

[Argentina: A Change of Course](#)

Publicatietype Briefing

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Zoekterm Amerika | Argentinië | betrekking van de Europese Unie | buitenlands beleid | ECONOMIE | ECONOMIE, VERKEER EN HANDELSVERKEER | economische geografie | economische ontwikkeling | economische situatie | EUROPESE UNIE | GEOGRAFIE | handelsbetrekking | INTERNATIONALE BETREKKINGEN | internationale handel | INTERNATIONALE ORGANISATIES | internationale veiligheid | kandidaat | landelijke verkiezing | Mercosur | Opbouw van Europa | parlement | POLITIEK | politiek en openbare veiligheid | politieke coalitie | politieke geografie | politieke organisatie | politieke partij | politieke partijen | presidentsverkiezing | regionale organisaties buiten Europa | staatshoofd | tweekamerstelsel | verdeling van de stemmen | verkiezingsmethode en stemming | verkiezingsuitslag | zetelverdeling

Samenvatting On 22 November 2015, Mauricio Macri, candidate of a coalition named 'Let's change' (Cambiamos), was elected president of Argentina. He will assume office on 10 December. Macri received 51.4 % of the vote in the second round of the presidential elections. His election ends 12 years of Peronist governments. Macri's victory owes much to the high number of votes he received in urban centres, particularly in the capital Buenos Aires and the second largest city, Córdoba. Despite Macri's final victory in the presidential elections, the 25 October parliamentary and provincial polls showed that the Peronist movement remains the principal political force. After the 25 October Congress elections, the Front for Victory (Frente para la Victoria, FpV), currently in government, remains the largest bloc in the new Congress, although it lost its absolute majority in the Chamber of Deputies. Macri faces the challenge of mobilising support in Congress for the new government's legislative proposals. The most likely scenario is that he will try to establish a coalition with the Peronist factions opposed to President Cristina Fernández and the FpV. The new government is likely to take measures to liberalise and open up the economy. The new government will seek strengthened links with the USA and the EU, and may well push for trade liberalisation in Mercosur. Macri has announced that he will ask for Mercosur's 'democratic clause' to be invoked against Venezuela. Macri has stressed the need to advance towards a Mercosur-EU free trade agreement. Overall, the change of government appears an opportunity for renewed relations between the EU and Argentina.

Briefing [EN](#), [ES](#)

[Candidate Selection Procedures for the European Elections](#)

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Zoekterm documentatie | economische geografie | EU-instellingen en Europese overheid | EU-lidstaat | Europees afgevaardigde | EUROPESE UNIE | Europese verkiezing | GEOGRAFIE | indeling in kiesdistricten | Informatica en gegevensverwerking | kandidaat | OPVOEDING, ONDERWIJS EN COMMUNICATIE | partijorganisatie | POLITIEK | politieke fractie (EP) | politieke partij | politieke partijen | vergelijkende studie | verkiezingsmethode en stemming | verzamelen van gegevens

Samenvatting The Study provides a systematic and thorough account of candidate selection procedures for the European elections. It covers four aspects: (1) a general overview of candidate selection procedures in the major parties of all EU Member States; (2) a detailed account of the candidate selection procedures for a sample of countries/parties, based on an analysis of the formal and informal practices; (3) an investigation into the relations between national political parties, political groups in the EP, and the European political parties; and (4) the provision of recommendations as to how to improve the democratic quality of candidate selection for the European elections.

Studie [EN](#)

Role and election of the President of the European Commission

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Samenvatting **The President of the European Commission (EC) has taken on an ever more prominent leading role within the College of Commissioners, with the increasingly presidential system eclipsing the principle of collegiate decision-making. With the European Council and European Parliament now together responsible for the appointment, the Presidency has not only become a much more politicised office, but the President has also gained greater influence vis-à-vis the other members of the Commission.**

Briefing [EN](#)

Electoral Lists ahead of the Elections to the European Parliament from a Gender Perspective

Publicatietype **Studie**

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Beleidssterrein **EU-democratie, institutioneel en parlementair recht | Genderkwesties, gelijkheid en diversiteit**

Zoekterm **economische geografie | EU-instellingen en Europese overheid | EU-lidstaat | Europees Instituut voor gendergelijkheid | EUROPESE UNIE | Europese verkiezing | gelijke behandeling | gelijke behandeling van man en vrouw | GEOGRAFIE | kandidaat | kiesstelsel | POLITIEK | politiek en openbare veiligheid | politieke partij | politieke partijen | politieke vertegenwoordiging | positie van de vrouw | RECHT | rechten en vrijheden | sociaal leven | SOCIALE VRAAGSTUKKEN | verkiezingsmethode en stemming**

Samenvatting **Upon request of the FEMM Committee, this study provides a detailed analysis of the existing electoral systems for the European 2014 elections from a gender perspective in the 28 EU Member States. It also presents and scrutinises the electoral lists of the Member States from a gender perspective and presents the synthesis of the main findings from the lists. Some main conclusions are made on the basis of the mapping. They concern the relation between the adoption of legislated gender quotas and the implementation of quota provisions by national parties. The main study can be found in the first document, while the annex shows the country reports in the following order: (1) Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Germany, Denmark, Estonia (2) Greece, Spain, Finland, France, Croatia, Hungary, Ireland, (3) Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Latvia, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, (4) Portugal, Romania, Sweden, Slovenia, Slovakia, United Kingdom.**

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Bijlage 2 [EN](#)

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Bijlage 4 [EN](#)

'Europeanisation' of the 2014 EP elections

Publicatietype **Kort overzicht**

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Zoekterm **deelneming aan de verkiezing | EU-instellingen en Europese overheid | Europa van de burgers | EUROPESE UNIE | Europese verkiezing | kandidaat | Opbouw van Europa | POLITIEK | verkiezingscampagne | verkiezingsmethode en stemming | verkiezingsprogramma | voorzitter van de Commissie**

Samenvatting **The European Parliament (EP) is the institution most often cited by EU citizens as guarantor of the representation of citizens' interests at EU level. However, elections to the EP are said to be 'second-order national elections', both regarding electoral procedure and electoral campaign topics. In order to redress this, many call for their 'Europeanisation'.**

Kort overzicht [EN](#)

High Expectations of the Moderate Cleric's Victory in Iran

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Beleidssterrein **Buitenlandse zaken | Democratie**

Zoekterm **absolute meerderheid | Azië-Oceanië | binnenlands beleid | buitenlands beleid | ECONOMIE | economische geografie | economische situatie | economische toestand | ENERGIE | GEOGRAFIE | INTERNATIONALE BETREKKINGEN | internationale politiek | internationale politiek | internationale veiligheid | Iran | Islamitische staat | kandidaat | kiesstelsel | nucleair beleid | nucleaire en elektrische industrieën | POLITIEK | politieke geografie | politieke organisatie | presidentsverkiezing | uitvoerende macht en overheidsadministratie | verkiezingsmethode en stemming**

Samenvatting Centrist cleric Hassan Rowhani wins Iran's presidential election in a surprise landslide victory, securing 52 % of the votes. The Iranian presidential election took place at a time of unprecedented economic isolation. Rowhani's victory is due to an unprecedented upsurge of mobilisation a mere three days before the vote. President Rowhani will have little leeway in foreign policy matters, these powers belonging to the Supreme Leader, Ali Khamenei. Whether Rowhani will be willing to challenge the primacy of the clerical establishment remains to be seen. Voter turnout rose to 72 %. Out of the 51 million registered voters, 37.5 million came to the ballot box, with young voters accounting for one third. Haunted by the 2009 chaos, this election's voter turnout was instrumental in consolidating the foundations of the Islamic Republic. Ayatollah Khamenei played an instrumental role in the election, exercising great influence over the Guardian Council's vetting process. The Guardian Council disqualified reformist movement candidates. Esfandiar Rahim Mashaei, Ahmadinejad's heir, was also barred from running. The disqualification of Rafsanjani and Mashaei was a strong indicator of the clerical establishment's intent to micromanage the election. Recurrent allegations of rigged elections and fraud were further exacerbated by Khamenei's attempt to engineer the election. While the massive participation by Iranians and the choice of president are a reflection of a participatory electoral process, it is primarily a victory for the Supreme Leader. Khamenei successfully used the elections to legitimise the foundations of the Islamic Republic and redeem the situation after the massive protests of 2009. The electoral outcome will have little impact on Iran's regional policies, particularly as regards Syria, or on the nuclear issue. The election will, on the other hand, determine the fate of Iranians over the next four years. For Iranians, the election represented an opportunity

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Workshop Proceedings on "Actions for Gender Balance in the European Parliament - EP Elections 2014"

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Zoekterm **communicatie | Europese verkiezing | gelijke behandeling van man en vrouw | kandidaat | massamedia | OPVOEDING, ONDERWIJS EN COMMUNICATIE | POLITIEK | politiek en openbare veiligheid | politieke participatie | politieke partij | politieke partijen | politieke vertegenwoordiging | positie van de vrouw | RECHT | rechten en vrijheden | sociaal leven | SOCIALE VRAAGSTUKKEN | verkiezingsmethode en stemming**

Samenvatting Proceedings of the workshop on "Actions for gender balance in the European Parliament - EP Elections 2014", held on 20 June 2013 in Brussels.

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Independent Candidates in National and European Elections

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Samenvatting Independent candidates remain marginal vote-getters in the vast majority of elections in which they compete. However, they do regularly win seats in legislative assemblies in a number of European countries, and occasionally achieve surprise victories in others. Half of the EU member states currently grant ballot access to independents in national legislative elections, while only a quarter of member states allow non-party candidates in European Parliament elections. Ballot access requirements for independents vary widely across EU-27 but tend to be more stringent for European elections than for national elections. Independent candidates perform better in systems with plurality rule or preferential voting compared to party-list PR systems. They win seats in single-member districts and low-magnitude multi-member districts. Although independents are expected to benefit from electoral rules that make politics more candidate-centered, the performance of non-party candidates does not depend on the modality of lists (open or closed). The vote for independents has elements of a protest vote. Voters who vote for independent candidates tend to be more critical of the government and less satisfied with the way democracy works in their country than party-voters. They are also less likely to feel close to any political party. When independent candidates are elected to office, they frequently join parties and parliamentary party groups. Thus, independence is often not a principled position but a temporary status resulting from circumstantial choices made by individuals competing for political office.

Studie [EN](#)

[Presidential Elections in Venezuela : Towards 20 Years of Bolivarian Revolution ?](#)

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Zoekterm **absolute meerderheid | Amerika | ECONOMIE | economische geografie | economische situatie | economische toestand | GEOGRAFIE | kandidaat | POLITIEK | politieke geografie | politieke organisatie | presidentsverkiezing | sociaal leven | sociale ontwikkeling | SOCIALE VRAAGSTUKKEN | socialisme | toezicht op de verkiezingen | Venezuela | verkiezingscampagne | verkiezingsmethode en stemming | verkiezingsuitslag**

Samenvatting President Hugo Chávez won his fourth presidential election, with 55.1% of the vote, almost 11% more than his main rival, Henrique Capriles, the candidate of a united opposition. Voter turnout was very high and voting took place in a calm atmosphere, with no irregularities reported. President Chávez was supported by a broad alliance led by his own United Socialist Party of Venezuela. He campaigned on a platform to reinforce social and economic change. Henrique Capriles was backed by an alliance integrating nearly all the opposition. Capriles campaigned on a platform advocating moderation and pragmatic solutions to solve Venezuela's problems. Both candidates recognised the result of the elections and stated their commitment to dialogue. However, it is doubtful whether this will lead to a more cooperative political climate. State elections will take place in mid-December, meaning that the government-opposition rivalry continues. Despite being cleared of cancer in July 2012, Chávez's health has led some to doubt whether he will conclude his new six-year term. The appointment of Nicolas Maduro as Vice President could be considered a possible succession strategy. The re-elected President Chávez and his government will need to address a number of challenges. Among the most important are the increase in crime rates and violence. Many analysts expect a devaluation of the currency, which could drive up the country's already high inflation rates. Yet, if oil prices remain high, the country should enjoy a substantial trade surplus and steady revenues, meaning that current economic policies are unlikely to change.

[Briefing EN](#)

[Criteria, Conditions, and Procedures for Establishing a Political Party in the Member States of the European Union](#)

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Beleidsterrein **EU-democratie, institutioneel en parlementair recht**

Zoekterm **controleorgaan | democratie | Europese partij | kandidaat | kiesstelsel | oprichting van een partij | POLITIEK | politieke organisatie | politieke partij | verkiezingsmethode en stemming**

Samenvatting This study has been prepared by the Centre d'étude de la vie politique (Cevipol), part of the Institute for European Studies (IEE) and the Faculté des sciences sociales et politiques (FSP) of the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB). It covers four aspects: 1) An overview of the existing criteria, conditions, and procedures for establishing a political party applying in the 27 Member States of the European Union. 2) An examination of how to amend current party statutes, notably at the European level, in order to create a more lively internal party democracy. 3) The development of suggestions towards a legal base of a future European party statute under EU law. 4) The development of proposals on how to involve the European Electoral Authority in the management and supervision of European political parties.

[Studie DE, EN, FR](#)

[How to create a Transnational Party System](#)

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Zoekterm **EU-instellingen en Europese overheid | Europees afgevaardigde | Europees kiesstelsel | Europese partij | EUROPESE UNIE | Europese verkiezing | kandidaat | kiesrecht | parlement | partijorganisatie | POLITIEK | politieke fractie | politieke partij | verkiezingsmethode en stemming**

Samenvatting This study has been prepared by the Observatory on Political Parties and Representation (OPPR), part of the European Democracy Observatory (EUDO) at the European University Institute (EUI). It covers four aspects: 1) An analysis of the political doctrine and programme of major political parties in several Member States. 2) An examination of current procedures applied to political parties to choose leaders for European Office. 3) The development of proposals on how to help a European political party system evolve from national structures strongly influenced by historical traditions and cultural factors. 4) Suggestions regarding the extent to which the European electoral system and different systems of party financing would have to be revised in order to facilitate the above objectives.

[Studie EN](#)

The Selection of Candidates for the European Parliament by National Parties and the Impact of European Political Parties

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Zoekterm democratisch deficit | EU-instellingen en Europese overheid | Europees afgevaardigde | EUROPESE UNIE | Europese verkiezing | kandidaat | POLITIEK | politieke partij | politieke partijen | verkiezingsmethode en stemming

Samenvatting This study compares the procedures applied by national political parties when they select their candidates for the European elections. It analyses the background in national law, the formal party statutes and the informal processes preparing the final selection. The report covers the calendar, selection criteria and structural characteristics of candidate nomination in the major political parties of the Member States, including the impact of European political parties.

Studie [EN](#)

Electoral Gender Quota Systems and their Implementation in Europe

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Beleidsterrein EU-democratie, institutioneel en parlementair recht | Genderkwesties, gelijkheid en diversiteit

Zoekterm gelijke behandeling van man en vrouw | kandidaat | kiesdeler | kiesrecht | kiesstelsel | participatie van vrouwen | POLITIEK | politieke partij | politieke partijen | RECHT | rechten en vrijheden | sociaal leven | SOCIALE VRAAGSTUKKEN | verkiezingsmethode en stemming

Samenvatting Although controversial, electoral gender quotas are in use in almost half of the countries in the world today. This study maps the diffusion of gender quotas in Europe and lists the many different types of quotas in use. The arguments for and against quotas are studied, and the implementation and effect of gender quotas are scrutinised. In-depth case studies have been conducted of eight countries, four with legislated gender quotas – Belgium, France, Slovenia and Spain – and four with voluntary gender quotas – Germany, Poland, Sweden and the United Kingdom. The study shows that gender quotas have led to remarkably rapid increases in women's representation in some cases but also to disappointment in other cases.

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Which Electoral Procedures Seem Appropriate for a Multi-Level Polity ?

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