

Amendment 27

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Report

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Stocktaking of European elections
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Motion for a resolution**Recital B***Motion for a resolution*

B. whereas the results of the Eurobarometer survey commissioned by Parliament after the 2019 European elections show that the state of the economy and the environment were the two main priorities for voters, which **clearly indicates that** citizens who took part in the European elections wish for more action at EU level in these two policy fields, for which competence is shared between the EU and national authorities¹⁶;

¹⁶ Eurobarometer 91.5, 'The 2019 Post-Electoral Survey – Have European Elections Entered a New Dimension?', European Parliament, September 2019.

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B. whereas the results of the Eurobarometer survey commissioned by Parliament after the 2019 European elections show that the state of the economy (**44 %**) and the environment (**37 %**) were the two main priorities for voters, which **does not indicate whether** citizens who took part in the European elections wish for more **or less** action at EU level in these two policy fields, for which competence is shared between the EU and national authorities, **or whether such action should be coordinated or harmonised**¹⁶;

¹⁶ Eurobarometer 91.5, 'The 2019 Post-Electoral Survey – Have European Elections Entered a New Dimension?', European Parliament, September 2019.

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Motion for a resolution

Recital I

Motion for a resolution

I. whereas ***while*** gender equality among Members of the European Parliament has ***improved*** (41 % women in 2019, up from 37 % in 2014), ***a gender-balanced Parliament has not yet been reached***; whereas these figures mask significant differences between Member States ***and the many challenges still to be overcome if gender parity is to be achieved***;

Amendment

I. whereas gender equality among Members of the European Parliament has ***changed*** (41 % women in 2019, up from 37 % in 2014); whereas these figures mask significant differences between Member States;

Or. en

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Recital K

Motion for a resolution

K. whereas *Europe's diverse and multicultural society needs to be better represented in the European Parliament;*

Amendment

K. whereas *the European Parliament's composition is determined by elections of citizens' representatives with universal and equal suffrage;*

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution**Recital T***Motion for a resolution**Amendment*

T. whereas the Spitzenkandidaten process has *yet to be fully developed; whereas it lacks, among other things, the possibility for Spitzenkandidaten to stand as official candidates, which would enable all European voters to vote for their preferred Spitzenkandidat and to be aware of who the candidates to the presidency of the Commission are and how they were chosen by European political parties; whereas the Spitzenkandidaten system and, if introduced, transnational lists, should be open to coalitions of European political parties or movements, or even to mixed coalitions of political parties and movements, as long as they share a common political programme and a common Spitzenkandidat; whereas Parliament raised this issue in its decision of 7 February 2018 on the revision of the Framework Agreement on relations between the European Parliament and the European Commission*²⁰;

T. whereas the Spitzenkandidaten process has *clearly failed; whereas the Spitzenkandidaten process cannot function due to the fact that there is no European demos as a basis for EU-wide democracy*;

²⁰ Texts adopted, P8_TA(2018)0030.

Or. en

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Recital V

Motion for a resolution

V. whereas the fact that only 8 % of survey respondents said that they voted in the last elections in order to influence the choice of the next Commission President²¹ underlines that the process of the selection of the President of the Commission ***needs to be clarified as a matter of urgency and to be made more transparent to*** voters;

²¹ Eurobarometer 91.5, September 2019.

Amendment

V. whereas the fact that only 8 % of survey respondents said that they voted in the last elections in order to influence the choice of the next Commission President²¹ underlines that the process of the selection of the President of the Commission ***seems to interest only 8 % of*** voters;

²¹ Eurobarometer 91.5, September 2019.

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Motion for a resolution**Recital W***Motion for a resolution*

W. whereas institutional proposals such as transnational lists, as mentioned by Parliament in its resolution of 7 February 2018 on the composition of the European Parliament, placing European political parties and movements more at the centre of the European elections, the transformation of the Council into a second legislative chamber of the Union, as proposed in its resolution of 16 February 2017 on possible evolutions of and adjustments to the current institutional set-up of the European Union, or the introduction of the possibility for European political parties and movements to form pre-electoral coalitions ***could help to transform the European elections into a single European election, as opposed to the collection of 27 separate national elections that it is today;***

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W. whereas institutional proposals such as transnational lists, as mentioned by Parliament in its resolution of 7 February 2018 on the composition of the European Parliament, placing European political parties and movements more at the centre of the European elections, the transformation of the Council into a second legislative chamber of the Union, as proposed in its resolution of 16 February 2017 on possible evolutions of and adjustments to the current institutional set-up of the European Union, or the introduction of the possibility for European political parties and movements to form pre-electoral coalitions ***are doomed to fail due to a lack of a common European identity, as well as a lack of support from the EU Member States' citizens, which is clearly indicated by the election results of Eurosceptic political forces;***

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Recital AA

Motion for a resolution

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AA. whereas European political parties and foundations are the facilitators of successful European political debate, ***both during and beyond European elections, and should be rendered more visible; whereas, by virtue of this important role, European political parties and political foundations should ensure maximum financial transparency on the funds they manage, particularly on funds from the EU budget;***

AA. whereas ***while*** European political parties and foundations are the facilitators of successful European political debate, ***they should not interfere in election processes at national level, which are the sole credible sources of political legitimacy in European elections;***

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 1***Motion for a resolution*

1. Welcomes the higher turnout in the 2019 European elections, which demonstrates that the trend of decreasing voter turnout in Europe can be reversed, but at the same time expresses disappointment at the continuing high abstention rate and that across the EU almost half of all eligible voters did not cast a vote; recognises the important role of campaigns led by the EU institutions and civil society organisations to increase turnout, in particular Parliament's 'This Time I'm Voting' campaign; stresses that more actions need to be undertaken at local, regional, national and European level to **incentivise** voters **to participate** in European elections; considers that this higher turnout shows that an increasing proportion of citizens consider the EU to be the appropriate **level** at which to address the challenges of our time such as the economy and sustainable growth, climate change and environmental protection, social and gender inequalities, the digital revolution, the promotion of freedom, human rights and democracy, and demography, and geopolitical concerns such as migration and foreign policy, security and the role of the EU in the world; calls for all the EU institutions, therefore, to take responsibility and act upon the mandate they have been given,

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1. Welcomes the higher turnout in the 2019 European elections, which demonstrates that the trend of decreasing voter turnout in Europe can be reversed, but at the same time expresses disappointment at the continuing high abstention rate and that across the EU almost half of all eligible voters did not cast a vote; recognises the important role of campaigns led by the EU institutions and civil society organisations to increase turnout **of pro-European voters**, in particular Parliament's **biased** 'This Time I'm Voting' campaign, **which focussed on an integrationist narrative through strong messaging on how European cohesion is under threat from Eurosceptics; believes that such an approach further alienates and excludes critics and those discontent with the current direction of the EU and reinforces the image of the EU as an undemocratic institution above and not by, and definitely not for the people;** stresses that more actions need to be undertaken at local, regional, national and European level to **make sure** voters **and non-voters make informed decisions** in European elections; considers that this higher turnout shows that an increasing proportion of citizens consider the EU to be **one of** the appropriate **levels** at which to address the challenges of our time such as

directly or indirectly, by the citizens;

the economy and sustainable growth, climate change and environmental protection, social and gender inequalities, the digital revolution, the promotion of freedom, human rights and democracy, and demography, and geopolitical concerns such as migration and foreign policy, security and the role of the EU in the world; calls for all the EU institutions, therefore, to take responsibility and act upon the mandate they have been given, directly or indirectly, by the citizens;

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Paragraph 1 a (new)

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1a. Regrets the biased nature of the ‘This Time I’m Voting’ campaign, which is demonstrated by the fact that there was a special section on ‘what the EU does for you’, that the campaign organisers partnered with fervent integrationist partners such as the Young European Federalists (Jeunes Européens Fédéralistes – JEF), the Union of European Federalists (UEF), and the Federation of Islamic Organisations in Europe (FIOE), which has well-documented ties to the Muslim Brotherhood and was headed by the controversial Yusuf al-Qaradawi during the time of the European elections, and that policy ideas hinting towards further European integration were pitched, such as the establishment of a European Army, a European finance minister, and the power to directly levy own resources in the form of European taxes;

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Paragraph 1 b (new)

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1b. Notes that it had a budget of EUR 36.3 million for its 2019 European elections communication campaign; takes the view that it is not within the remit of a parliament to organise communication around its own elections; is concerned by this breach in the principle of neutrality of the EU institutions;

Or. en