

European elections

23-26 May

- [in all the official languages of the EU](#)
- **In all EU-countries, elections which will determine the composition of the European Parliament for the 5 years to come will be held from [23-26 May](#).**
- **These elections will be crucial for Europe's future**

A first challenge will be to combat **abstention**, which undermines the democratic legitimacy of any elected body (➤see [turnout in 2014 elections](#)).

We must not complain that the European Parliament does not meet our aspirations if we have not even tried to influence its policies by participating in the vote.

Europe at a crossroads

Will the process of disintegrating (see Brexit) or an 'à la carte' Europe approach be pursued and aggravated or will we build a more democratic, more open Europe, with more solidarity and more convergence towards social progress?

As a **European Public Service**, our fate is closely linked to the outcome of these elections.

Anti-EU, nationalist and populist forces are not in favour of an independent, competent and permanent European Public Service.

But our choice should not be limited to **corporatist** criteria. Because corporatism goes hand in hand with populism and presents similarities with nationalism.

For **EPSU CJ**, defending our interests as Europe's civil servants is linked to our **citizens'** vision of a Europe that can be defended in the eyes of everyone.

- Therefore, we invite you to take the necessary steps to **participate** in this important moment when citizens are formally called to have their say.

Country of residence or country of nationality?

[Article 22 \(2\) of the TFEU](#) entitles you to vote in this election in the Member State in which you reside.

Most of you (except, notably, UK, DK) have a **choice** between the lists of the country of your nationality and those of your host country.

Concerning registration on the **Luxembourg** lists for the European elections, we refer you to the [ASTI](#) and [CLAE](#) websites (go to the end of this text).

In Luxembourg the voting takes place on **May 26**.

There are good reasons for listing in your **host country**; which, of course, does not mean that this is the only 'right' choice.

The option of voting on the lists of the **country of nationality** is just as respectable. It is simplistic and condescending to attribute it, as the "USL" does, to "emotional and sentimental ties". Neither CLAE nor ASTI share value judgments of this kind.

What matters is to **vote**, and to vote for a more open, more democratic Europe of solidarity.

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Elections européennes

Les citoyens de l'Union européenne peuvent élire :

- ✚ soit les députés européens de leur pays d'origine,
- ✚ soit ceux du pays d'accueil.

Pour participer à l'élection des députés européens du Luxembourg, vous devez être inscrit sur la liste électorale des élections européennes. Aucune condition de résidence n'est exigée.

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