Question for written answer E-000014/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Legal uncertainty imposed on national constitutional frameworks by a patchwork of European electoral rules

Following the 2024 European elections, a number of institutions highlighted practical and legal issues arising from the many EU rules on elections: the European Electoral Act, the Digital Services Act, rules on political advertising and anti-disinformation mechanisms.

This patchwork of rules built around different legal bases undermines the clarity and legal certainty of national constitutional frameworks, while organising elections is historically and legally under within Member States' competences. It also increases the risk of creating conflicts between rules and transfers of competences without the people's express consent.

Can the Commission say:

1. What is the legal basis for this gradual broadening of EU rules into an area that primarily falls within the scope of national constitutions?

2. How does it intend to ensure these rules do not undermine the constitutional sovereignty of Member States in electoral matters?

3. Is it considering suspending or revising these arrangements to restore legal certainty in line with national competences?

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