

Question for written answer E-003302/2026
to the Council
Rule 144
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Subject: European elections: does the EU want to impose the same rules on all Member States?

The European elections are still mainly organised in accordance with each Member State's own rules. However, a proposed reform would further harmonise the organisation of the elections, including by creating transnational electoral lists and an EU electoral authority to coordinate part of the elections.

The reform could enter into force only with the unanimous agreement of the Member States and after each country approves it in accordance with its own constitutional requirements.

Transnational lists are not the only thing on the agenda; discussions are also focusing on further harmonising a number of different aspects of the European elections, such as eligibility conditions, campaign procedures, certain rules on political funding and the coordination of election monitoring. Those developments raise questions about the maintenance of the Member States' powers with regard to the holding of elections.

1. Does the Council support the creation of transnational lists, with citizens voting for EU-wide candidates rather than for candidates in their country alone?
2. Is it in favour of the creation of an EU electoral authority and the imposition of common rules on voting ages, candidacies, election campaigns and voting methods?
3. Can it confirm that new electoral rules will only be imposed on a Member State with that Member State's agreement and in accordance with its national constitutional procedures?

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