

Period for the ninth election of representatives to the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage

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PURPOSE: to fix the period for the ninth election of representatives to the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the Council adopts the act after consulting the European Parliament but without being obliged to follow its opinion.

BACKGROUND: by its Decision 78/639/Euratom, ECSC, EEC, the Council fixed the period for the first election of representatives of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage from 7 to 10 June 1979.

Since it is not possible to hold the ninth election during the corresponding period of 2019, another electoral period must be fixed.

CONTENT: the Council proposes to hold the **ninth election** of representatives to the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage during the period from **23 to 26 May 2019**.