

Basic information

2013/0900(NLE)

NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Recommendation

Procedure completed

Establishing the composition of the European Parliament

See also [2012/2309\(INL\)](#)

Subject

8.40.01 European Parliament
8.40.01.01 Elections, direct universal suffrage

Key players

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| European Parliament | Committee responsible | Rapporteur | Appointed |
| | AFCO Constitutional Affairs | TRZASKOWSKI Rafal (PPE) GUALTIERI Roberto (S&D) | 28/05/2013 28/05/2013 |
| Council of the European Union | Council configuration | Meetings | Date |
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Key events

| Date | Event | Reference | Summary |
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| 31/05/2013 | Legislative proposal published | 00110/2013 | Summary |
| 10/06/2013 | Committee referral announced in Parliament | | |
| 10/06/2013 | Vote in committee | | |
| 10/06/2013 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | A7-0213/2013 | Summary |
| 12/06/2013 | Decision by Parliament | T7-0265/2013 | Summary |
| 12/06/2013 | Results of vote in Parliament |  | |
| 28/06/2013 | Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament | | |
| 28/06/2013 | End of procedure in Parliament | | |
| 29/06/2013 | Final act published in Official Journal | | |

Technical information

Procedure reference

2013/0900(NLE)

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| Procedure type | NLE - Non-legislative enactments |
| Procedure subtype | Consent by Parliament |
| Legislative instrument | Recommendation |
| Amendments and repeals | See also 2012/2309(INL) |
| Legal basis | Treaty on European Union TEU 14-p2 |
| Other legal basis | Rules of Procedure EP 165 |
| Stage reached in procedure | Procedure completed |
| Committee dossier | AFCO/7/12915 |

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| Documentation gateway | | | | |
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| Final act | |
| Decision 2013/0312 OJ L 181 29.06.2013, p. 0057 | Summary |

Establishing the composition of the European Parliament

2013/0900(NLE) - 31/05/2013 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to establish the composition of the European Parliament.

PROPOSED ACT: European Council Decision.

BACKGROUND: Article 2(1) and (2) of Protocol No 36 on transitional provisions will expire at the end of the 2009-2014 parliamentary term. It is necessary to comply without delay with the provisions of Article 2(3) of Protocol No 36 and therefore to adopt the decision provided for in the second subparagraph of Article 14(2) of the Treaty on European Union, in order to enable Member States to enact in good time the necessary domestic measures for organising the elections to the European Parliament for the 2014-2019 parliamentary term.

The first subparagraph of Article 14(2) of the Treaty on European Union lays down the criteria for the composition of the European Parliament, namely: (i) that representatives of the Union's citizens are not to exceed 750, plus the President, (ii) that representation is to be degressively proportional, with a minimum threshold of 6 members per Member State, and (iii) that no Member State is to be allocated more than 96 seats.

LEGAL BASIS: Article 14(2) of the Treaty on European Union (TEU).

CONTENT: by applying the principle of degressive proportionality provided for by the Treaty on European Union, it is proposed to establish the number of representatives in the European Parliament elected in each Member States for the **2014-2019 parliamentary term** as follows:

- Belgium : 21
- Bulgaria : 17
- Czech Republic : 21
- Denmark : 13
- Germany : 96
- Estonia : 6
- Ireland : 11
- Greece : 21
- Spain : 54
- France : 74
- Croatia : 11
- Italy : 73
- Cyprus : 6
- Latvia : 8
- Lithuania : 11
- Luxembourg : 6
- Hungary : 21
- Malta : 6
- Netherlands : 26
- Austria : 18
- Poland : 51
- Portugal : 21
- Romania : 32
- Slovenia : 8
- Slovakia : 13
- Finland : 13
- Sweden : 20
- United Kingdom : 73.

It is proposed that this Decision shall be **revised sufficiently far in advance of the beginning of the 2019-2024 parliamentary term** on the basis of an initiative of the European Parliament presented before the end of 2016 with the aim of establishing a system which in future will make it possible, before each fresh election to the European Parliament, to allocate the seats between Member States in an objective, fair, durable and transparent way.

The allocation should respect the principle of degressive proportionality, taking account of any change in their number and demographic trends in their population, as duly ascertained thus respecting the overall balance of the institutional system.

Establishing the composition of the European Parliament

2013/0900(NLE) - 10/06/2013 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Constitutional Affairs adopted the report by Roberto GUALTIERI (S&D, IT) and Rafal TRZASKOWSKI (EPP, PL) on the draft European Council decision establishing the composition of the European Parliament.

The committee recommends the European Parliament to give its consent to the draft European Council decision.

Establishing the composition of the European Parliament

2013/0900(NLE) - 12/06/2013 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament gave its consent by 574 votes to 71, with 39 abstentions, to the draft European Council decision establishing the composition of the European Parliament.

It should be noted that the draft European Council decision remains unchanged as regards the allocation of seats between Member States as proposed by Parliament in its [resolution of 13 March 2013](#).

Establishing the composition of the European Parliament

2013/0900(NLE) - 28/06/2013 - Final act

PURPOSE: to establish the composition of the European Parliament.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: European Council Decision (2013/312/EU) establishing the composition of the European Parliament.

CONTENT: in the application of the principle of degressive proportionality provided for in the first subparagraph of Article 14(2) of the Treaty on European Union, **the number of representatives in the European Parliament elected in each Member State is hereby set as follows for the 2014-2019 parliamentary term:**

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ENTRY INTO FORCE: 30/06/2013.