Basic information

2023/0900(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	Awaiting final decision
Composition of the European Parliament: draft European Council decision See also 2021/2229(INL) **Subject** 8.40.01 European Parliament	

Key players

European Parliament	**Committee responsible**	**Rapporteur**	**Appointed**
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Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
26/07/2023	Legislative proposal published	00013/2023	Summary
11/09/2023	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
11/09/2023	Vote in committee		
11/09/2023	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A9-0265/2023	
12/09/2023	Debate in Parliament		
13/09/2023	Decision by Parliament	T9-0311/2023	Summary
13/09/2023	Results of vote in Parliament		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2023/0900(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments

Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legislative instrument	Decision
Amendments and repeals	See also 2021/2229(INL)
Legal basis	Treaty on European Union TEU 14-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Awaiting final decision
Committee dossier	AFCO/9/13103

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE752.761	07/09/2023	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE752.910	08/09/2023	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A9-0265/2023	11/09/2023	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T9-0311/2023	13/09/2023	Summary

Council of the EU

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Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Composition of the European Parliament: draft European Council decision

2023/0900(NLE) - 13/09/2023 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 515 votes to 74, with 44 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft European Council decision establishing the composition of the European Parliament.

In line with the recommendation of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs, Parliament **gave its consent** to the draft Council decision to increase the number of seats in the European Parliament for the next legislative term from 705 to 720.

Under the European Council's plan, **15 additional Members will be elected in 12 countries** in June 2024. Two additional seats will be allocated to France, Spain and the Netherlands. One additional seat will be allocated to Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Poland, Finland, Ireland, Latvia, Slovakia and Slovenia.

Members regretted the lack of sincere cooperation from the European Council.

Parliament stated that the draft decision on the composition of the European Parliament is without prejudice to the prerogatives of the European Parliament and the Council in the annual budgetary procedure and Recital 5 of that draft decision concerns matters that do not fall within the scope of the European Council's competences under Article 15(1) TEU and the legal basis of Article 14(2) TEU.

It is for the **European Parliament and the Council alone to decide on the content of the Union's budget** in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 314 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

Composition of the European Parliament: draft European Council decision

2023/0900(NLE) - 26/07/2023 - Legislative proposal

The purpose of the draft decision of the European Council is to determine the composition of the European Parliament following approval by the European Parliament.

The first subparagraph of Article 14(2) of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) lays down the criteria for the composition of the European Parliament, namely that there may be no more than 750 representatives of the citizens of the Union, plus the President, that representation must be degressively proportional, with a minimum threshold of 6 members per Member State, and that no Member State may be allocated more than 96 seats.

Under the draft decision, the **number of representatives to the European Parliament elected in each Member State for the 2024-2029 term** is set as follows:

- Belgium 22

- Bulgaria 17

- Czech Republic 21

- Denmark 15

- Germany 96

- Estonia 7

- Ireland 14

- Greece 21

- Spain 61

- France 81

- Croatia 12

- Italy 76

- Cyprus 6

- Latvia 9

- Lithuania 11

- Luxembourg 6

- Hungary 21

- Malta 6

- Netherlands 31

- Austria 20

- Poland 53

- Portugal 21

- Romania 33

- Slovenia 9

- Slovakia 15

- Finland 15

- Sweden 21.

Sufficiently in advance of the start of the 2029-2034 legislature, and if possible by the end of 2027, the European Parliament should submit to the European Council a proposal updating the composition of seats in the European Parliament.

By the end of 2026, and prior to the proposal on its composition, the European Parliament should propose a method for the distribution of seats which is objective, fair, sustainable and transparent and which implements the principle of degressive proportionality.

Taking into account the impact of possible future developments, such a method should guarantee a maximum sustainable number of Members of the European Parliament.

The budgetary authority and the Commission will have to ensure that the increase in the number of seats provided for in this Decision has no budgetary impact within Section 1 of the general budget of the Union.