

**EPP 2024 Congress
6 and 7 March 2024
Bucharest, Romania**

**Voting Regulation for the Election of the EPP Candidate for President of the
European Commission for the 2024 European Elections**

(Approved by the EPP Presidency and the EPP Political Assembly on 14 December 2023)

1. This **Regulation**, adopted by the EPP Political Assembly in Brussels on 14 of December 2023, is effective for the election of the EPP Candidate for President of the European Commission to take place at the 28th EPP Congress, on 6-7 March 2024 in Bucharest, Romania.

2. The Political Assembly designates a President and, at least, one Assessor and a Secretary of the **Voting Commission**. These scrutineers will oversee the correct application of this Regulation and of the Statutes.

- a. The President will be Esther de Lange
- b. The Secretary will be Karine Milheiro
- c. The Assessors will be Elena Naydenova and Mattia de' Grassi di Pianura

3. **Voting session**

Members of the EPP Congress with the right to vote can do so on **Thursday 7 March (1,5 hrs)**, by completing a voting ballot for the EPP Candidate for President of the European Commission.

4. The following have **voting rights** (article 1a of the EPP Internal Regulations and Art 5 of the EPP Statutes*):

- Members of the EPP Presidency;
- Presidents of Ordinary Member Parties, Associated Member Parties and Member Associations;
- Delegates of Ordinary Member Parties, Associated Member Parties and Member Associations

- Heads of State or Government of Member States of the European Union, who are members of an Ordinary Member Party;
- Individual Members of the Association (cf. article 5, alinea 4 of the by-laws);
- Members of the European Commission provided they are members of an Ordinary Member Party;
- Presidents of the EPP, like-minded or associated Groups, at the Parliamentary Assemblies of the CoE, the OSCE and NATO, the European Committee of the regions, Union for the Mediterranean and EURONEST provided that they are a member of an Ordinary Member Party or an Associated Member Party;
- Delegates of the EPP, like-minded or associated Groups, at the Parliamentary Assemblies of the CoE, the OSCE and NATO, the European Committee of the regions, Union for the Mediterranean and EURONEST, provided that they are member of an Ordinary Member Party or Associated Member Party.

* *Art. 5 EPP Statutes: "Associate Member parties shall not participate in decisions involving the policies and structure of the European Union nor of its institutional system."*

5. The **composition of the Congress** is established by the Political Assembly of 14 December 2023.

6. In order to complete the list of voters EPP Ordinary Member and Associate Parties, Member Associations and the EPP Groups in the Parliamentary Assembly of the CoE, OSCE and NATO, the European Committee of the Regions, Union for the Mediterranean and Euronest must inform the EPP General Secretariat of the names of their delegates. **The list of voters will be irrevocably closed on 28 February at 24:00 and will serve as the Register of voters for the Congress.**

7. The right to vote is personal and unalienable. **Voting by proxy is not permitted.** In order to apply this statutory stipulation, the scrutineers will verify the identity of voting members.

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8. **Procedure and Timetable for Candidacies** (approved by the Political Assembly on 14 December 2023)

a. As from **5 January 2024** onward: opening of the submission of candidacies. To be nominated, a candidate needs the support of his or her own member party, plus the endorsement of not more than two member parties from two EU countries other than the country of origin of the candidate;

- b. Candidates must be nominated in writing to the EPP President by **21 February 2024 at 12:00 at the latest**. Only Presidents and Secretaries General of ordinary member parties are entitled to nominate and/or endorse a candidate provided that the candidate is a member of an ordinary member party;
 - c. The candidatures will be reviewed by the EPP Political Assembly in its meeting on **5 March 2024** and will, after validation, be submitted to the vote at the EPP Congress on **7 March 2024**;
 - d. The candidate that receives the absolute majority of valid votes will be declared elected. Abstentions are not considered valid votes;
 - e. If there are more than two candidates and no candidate obtains the required absolute majority, a second ballot shall be held between the two candidates who got the highest number of valid votes at the first ballot. Abstentions are not considered valid votes;
 - f. In the event of multiple candidates, the candidates will be presented on an alphabetical list.
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