

Questionnaire on the conduct of the 2024 European Parliament Elections - For political parties

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The Commission will issue a report on the conduct of the 2024 elections to the European Parliament no later than one year after such elections, as it did after previous elections to the European Parliament. Beyond looking at turnout and implementation of relevant EU law, this report will also follow-up on the Commission recommendation on inclusive and resilient electoral processes in the Union and enhancing the European nature and efficient conduct of the elections to the European Parliament, adopted on 12 December 2023 as part of the Defence of Democracy package.

The data gathered based on this questionnaire will be used by the Commission to prepare said report.

You are kindly invited to reply to the following questions on behalf of your political party **by 6 September 2024 (*)**.

(*) Some questions in this questionnaire are addressed to national political parties only, as indicated.

* Please select the country of registration of your political party:

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* Please indicate the name of your political party:

* Please indicate the link to the website of your political party:

* Please add your email address:

Please provide evidence of registration as a political party in electronic format:

1. Supporting voter turnout and inclusive participation

- * 1.1. Did you take specific steps to address the needs of different groups in the 2024 elections to the European Parliament (for instance, in your communication materials), such as persons with disabilities, young people or first-time voters?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

- * If so, please describe the measures you took, and the groups involved.

- * Did you place particular attention in your communication materials and political advertising to those groups (for instance, by using specific means, modes and formats of communication)? Please elaborate.

- * 1.2. Did you take specific measures to encourage gender balance in your electoral lists?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

- * If so, which specific measures did you take and what was their impact?

- * 1.3. Did you take specific measures to encourage gender balance in the governing bodies of your party?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

- * If so, which specific measures did you take and what was their impact?

- * 1.4. Are you aware of any instances of violence (e.g., online or physical) against candidates to the 2024 elections to the European Parliament?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

- * If so, please describe and comment on patterns affecting protected characteristics, such as the number of incidents or threats against women and men respectively, and if the nature/content of detected threats /incidents differ between women and men, if such analysis has been made, types of violence (such as, smear campaigns, harassment, threats, doxing, etc.), nationality of the victims, whether they have a disability, etc.

- * 1.5. Did you have measures in place to prevent or fight online violence or threats against candidates to the 2024 elections to the European Parliament?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

- * If so, please describe them.

- * Were they targeted to specific groups (for instance, to women)? Please elaborate.

2. Encouraging election integrity and fair campaigning

- * 2.1. If you adhered to the Code of Conduct for the 2024 European Parliament Elections facilitated by the European Commission, please explain in detail the measures you took to ensure the observation of the commitments laid down in such Code of Conduct.

- * 2.1.1. Point 14 of such Code of Conduct for the 2024 European Parliament Elections foresees that signatories will discuss its implementation between European political party presidents and conduct a post-election review. Please describe in detail the measures taken to that purpose.

* 2.2. Did you adopt/adhere to any other campaign pledges or codes of conduct on election integrity and fair campaigning ahead of the 2024 elections to the European Parliament?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

* If so, please provide details.

Please upload your file(s) if needed.

* If so, how did you ensure the observation of the commitments laid down in such pledges and codes of conduct?

3. Transparency measures for affiliations and political advertising

* 3.1. Did you provide information on your website or other on the organisations, foundations and other legal entities affiliated with you or campaigning on your behalf ahead of the 2024 elections to the European Parliament?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

* 3.2. Did you provide information on your website or other on your use of political advertising including on the amounts spent on political advertising and the sources of funding used ahead of the 2024 elections to the European Parliament?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

* If so, please provide a link to the site where this information is reflected.

- * 3.3. Did you take specific measures to ensure that your political advertising is identified as such, including when it involved material prepared internally for dissemination using online social media? Please elaborate.

If so, did you make specific information available (about the identity of the political party which sponsored the advertising and where applicable, did you give any information about the targeting of the advertising, and on the use of artificial intelligence systems in the preparation of the content or the dissemination of the advertising)? Please elaborate.

- * 3.4. Did you participate in any notable practices in the run up to the elections to the European Parliament in your country that you could describe and recommend? Did you become aware of examples where such transparency could be improved in the country or countries you campaigned in?

- * 3.5. Did you encounter any obstacles to campaigning in the Member States? Please specify.

4. Promoting election observation

- * 4.1. Did you cooperate with election observers to facilitate their election observation activities in the context of the 2024 elections to the European Parliament?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

- * If so, please provide details of such cooperation.

5. Cybersecurity of elections for the European Parliament

- * 5.1. What special technical and organisational measures did you take to understand your exposure to the risk of cyber incidents and that of your members in the context of the European elections?

* 5.2. What did you do to prevent cyber incidents and protect yourself and your members against cyberattacks?

* 5.3. Did you receive any assistance from other stakeholders (national or European authorities, IT companies) with respect to this issue, and if so, what?

* 5.4. Did you encounter any relevant cyber incidents in the course of the election period? If so, please provide a short description of the incident and the follow up.

6. Measures regarding funding from third countries of political parties, political foundations, electoral campaigns and candidates

[To national political parties] Did you conduct a specific risk assessment of the potential risks stemming from donations from third countries and donations potentially linked to criminal activity including corruption, money laundering and organised crime in the context of the 2024 elections to the European Parliament?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

* If so, please provide details on the conduct and results of such risk assessments, including the steps and measures taken, whether it covered electoral campaigns and the identification of donors and whether it addressed actual or foreseeable negative effects for free and fair elections and included measures to address identified risks.

7. Enhancing the European nature of the elections to the European parliament

7.1. [To national political parties] Did you provide (publicity or other) information before the start of the European Parliament electoral campaign on which European political party you are affiliated with or in the process of affiliating with?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

* If so, how (for instance, by providing this information on your website)?

7.2. [To national political parties] What measures did your party take aimed at increasing the knowledge of your members about the elections to the European Parliament?

7.3. [To national political parties] Does your national legislation permit displaying on the ballot (paper) the name or the logo of any affiliated European political party?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

* 7.4. Did you display the logo of such affiliates on your materials (website, online/offline advertising, brochures, leaflets, ballot papers)? Please specify and provide examples.

* 7.5. What other means did you use to increase the visibility of the European dimension of European elections?

8. Data protection

* 8.1. What measures did you take to comply with data protection rules? Please describe.

9. Awareness raising activities

- * 9.1. Did you conduct specific awareness raising activities nationally to increase the transparency of elections and increase trust in the electoral processes? Were such activities designed and implemented with a gender perspective, and/or targeting any specific groups? Please present data disaggregated by sex if applicable and when possible.

- * 9.2. Did you conduct awareness raising activities nationally to increase the reach out and participation of remote vulnerable communities in a trustful electoral process?

- * 9.3. Did you engage with third parties, including national authorities, media, online platforms and information technology providers, in this respect?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

9.3.1. If so, please provide details.

10. Right to vote and stand as a candidate

For the following questions, please present the total number as well as data on individuals disaggregated by age (under 25, 25-39, 40-54, 55+) and sex. If such data does not exist, please comment on that fact.

- * 10.1. [To national political parties] Number of non-national citizens of the EU elected to the European Parliament from the list of candidates for the elections to the European Parliament supported by your party.

- * 10.2. Number of candidates belonging to national minorities (e.g. Roma) and number of candidates with disabilities elected to the European Parliament from the list of candidates for the elections to the European Parliament supported by your party.

- * 10.3. [To national political parties] Were any applications from nationals of other EU Member States to stand as a candidate refused by your electoral authorities? If so, how many and of which nationality?

- * 10.4. [To national political parties] Did you take any specific measures (leaflets, direct mailings) to inform citizens from other EU Member States of their right to vote in elections in your Member State?

- * 10.5. Are you aware if any non-national EU voters and candidates encountered any specific difficulties with the registration process?

Any other remarks

Please raise any other relevant remarks/topics/issues/questions you would like to bring to the attention of the Commission, and which have not been addressed elsewhere in this questionnaire, in the context of the conduct of the 2024 European Parliament elections.

