

WHY TO VOTE IN EUROPEAN ELECTIONS

365 million EU citizens of the 27 European Union Member States can vote between June 6-9, 2024 in the European elections. This is our chance, as EU citizens, to have a say in which direction Europe will be headed for the next half decade.

HOW CAN YOU VOTE?

- ★ The elections to the European Parliament will take place between **6-9 June** and will be organised according to the electoral rules of each Member State. Vote-counting occurs simultaneously across all Member States. The results will be communicated on the same date.
- ★ In the majority of Member States, the **minimum age** for voters is 18 years old. However, in Belgium, Germany, Malta and Austria, the cut-off age has been set at 16 and in Greece at 17.
- ★ Have in mind that in some countries, it is necessary to register to vote.
 - ★ **Living abroad?** No problem, voting from abroad is possible in every state, except for the Czech Republic, Ireland, Malta and Slovakia. Every country has its own system to vote from abroad and some of them also require previous registration.

WHY SHOULD YOU VOTE?

- ★ In this year's elections **720 new members** of the European Parliament will be elected.
- ★ The European Parliament is in charge **of reviewing and changing EU law proposals**. Those proposals only become Law, when the Parliament, along with the Council of the EU, approve and agree on it. The European Parliament also **approves the EU budget** and scrutinises how the money is spent.
- ★ The European Parliament adopts **laws that affect everyone**, from big companies like Amazon or Google to individuals. These laws have a **direct impact in our everyday life**, as they regulate everyday things such as social media or the characteristics of food we eat.
- ★ The European Union also deals with **global challenges** that no EU country can face on its own too, such as the global warming and climate change.

