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From: General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject: 2024 EP election dates
- Letter from the EP President

Delegations will find in annex a letter from the EP President addressed to the Presidency of the Council concerning the dates of the 2024 EP elections.



The President

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Dear President-in-Office,

The Conference of Presidents of the European Parliament has held a number of discussions on the possible dates for the European Elections in 2024.

I understand that the Council has not yet held any exchanges on this matter. By way of this letter, the European Parliament would like to contribute to any deliberations that will take place.

At its meeting of 16 February 2023, the Conference of Presidents held a final exchange of views on European election dates on the following proposal that I now transmit to you.

Firstly, the importance of Parliament's proposal on a reform of the electoral law was reiterated and the necessity for Council to adopt a mandate and start negotiations with Parliament as soon as possible. Parliament is clear in its position that in the future reformed electoral law the date of the European elections should be harmonised in all Member States and take place on Europe Day, 9 May.

Secondly, for the European Elections in 2024, the Conference of Presidents agreed by majority that the elections should be held during week 21, from 23 - 26 May.

I trust that Council will be able to consider this request promptly in view of the deadline for determining the electoral period set by the Electoral Act of 1976. I look forward to Council formally consulting Parliament pursuant to Article 11 (2) of the Electoral Act.

Your sincerely,