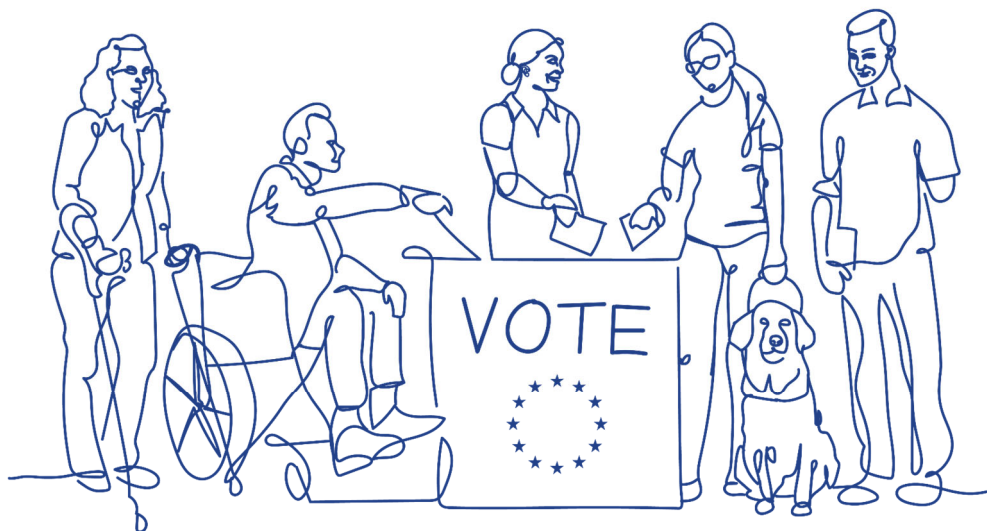


Agenda

Interparliamentary Committee Meeting on “The participation of persons with disabilities in the electoral process”

Monday, 4 December 2023 | from 16:00 to 18:30

Meeting room: ANTALL 4Q1 | European Parliament, Brussels



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16:00 - 16:15: Opening session chaired by EMPL Chair, Dragoş Pîslaru

- Welcoming words by EP president **Roberta METSOLA** (video message - tbc) or **Dimitrios PAPADIMOULIS**, Vice-President and Chair Bureau High Level Group Gender equality and Diversity (tbc)
- Keynote speech by **Helena DALLI**, Commissioner for Equality or **Věra JOUROVÁ**, Vice-President of the European Commission, Values and Transparency (tbc)

Start of the working sessions

Introduction by EMPL Chair, **Dragoş PÎSLARU**

16:15 - 16:55: Session I: “Participation of persons with disabilities in the electoral process - State of play and remaining obstacles”

The session will explore the state of play compared to the European elections in 2019: Where has progress been made in the Member States? Which legal or accessibility barriers remain? What are the biggest challenges Member States face at national level?

Keynote speech/scene setter:

- **EDF representative** - Presentation of EDF Human rights report on political participation of persons with disabilities

Launching the debate:

- **Krzysztof PATER**, EESC Rapporteur for 2019/2020 reports on “Real rights of persons with disabilities to vote in EP elections” (tbc)
- PETI chair/member: Input received from petitions (tbc)
- JURI Rapporteur on impact of accession to the Hague Convention on persons under guardianship (tbc)

Discussion with National Parliamentarians and Members of the European Parliament based on experiences in the Member States.

16:55 - 18:15: Session II: “Preparing for the European elections 2024 - How can improvements still be achieved?”

This session will explore how and which improvements can be made to facilitate the accessibility for persons with disabilities to elections.

Keynote speeches:

- **Spanish Presidency representative:** Best practises after recent national elections
- **Karine LALIEUX**, Belgian Minister of Pensions and Social Integration: How to ensure political participation of PwD in European elections (tbc)

Launching the debate:

- AFCO chair/member: Suggestions from the perspective of the AFCO Committee
- VP **Dimitrios PAPANICOLAOU** or ITEC VP or COMM VP: Preparing for the European elections 2024

Discussion with National Parliamentarians, Members of the European Parliament and National Disability Coordinators based on experiences in the Member States.

18:15 - 18:30: Closing remarks

- **Věra JOUROVÁ**, Vice-President of the European Commission, Values and Transparency or **Helena DALLI**, Commissioner for Equality
- **Dragoș PÎSLARU**, EMPL Committee Chair