

# THE MANIFESTO OF THE EUROCITIZENS

## For success in the 2014 European elections



### The 2014 European elections are critical.

“Positive” : they will legitimize the European Parliament, which will then have the power to take initiatives.

“Negative” : turnout may be insignificant and moreover these elections could bring in a strong percentage of Eurosceptic MPs decided to torpedo the European Union, Nobel laureate for Peace!

Why be so pessimistic? Because citizen-voters, actively influenced by populists from all sides, can only see the often obvious down-sides of the EU. Because these elections appear to be without significant stakes, like a bland remake of national elections.

A grouping-together of associations seeking the political integration of countries and the strengthening of the EU has been established: THE EUROCITOYENS. Deeply concerned over these election issues, fully in accordance with the approach of the Commission (see the attached declaration of Commissioner Viviane REDING, VP of the Commission) this group asks that as early as 2014 serious changes take place in the election process. The goal is to boost this election and to allow citizens to become aware of the importance of related issues:



### 1° - Organize elections on two same days in all countries.

Polls being open twice as long as usual, climatic conditions or personal constraints are less restrictive and each person can vote without going against his personal principles. This new procedure will mark. And in the evening of the last day, when everyone watches the results on television, there will be debates on what is happening elsewhere across Europe. Instead of analyzing the results on the national grid commentators will give the overall results and make interesting comparisons between countries.

*For the first time the public will feel part of a European entity.*

### 2° - Have national lists stamped by a European party.

Election documents of national parties will necessarily include a section presenting the European party endorsing them. Voters will discover the parties that most of the time they never have heard about and the latter's vision of Europe.

*They position themselves in the framework of these European policies, with a choice of European and at the same time national politics.*





### **3°- Elect the President of the Commission by parliamentary elections.**

European parties have designated in advance an internal candidate for the Commission presidency. The national lists will then be sponsored by a European personality appearing on election documents and not by an anonymous party. And personal suffrage will be much more motivating because by voting for a list of their own country, citizens will vote simultaneously for the next President of the Commission. The European party with a majority in Parliament, or representing the largest number of members in case of coalition, will send its candidate as the President of the Commission.

*In this way the President of the Commission will be elected directly, without the parties feeling squeezed out, and without any additional specific consultation.*

### **4°- Propose transnational lists for the parliamentary party.**

anticipating what the European Parliament has proposed for 2019 at its meeting on 13/03/2013.

Voters will be offered two ballots: one for candidates of national parties as now, the other for a transnational list with names of personalities from different countries and proposed by a European party.

*Voters will have to choose not only a clear European policy but at the same time their parliamentary representative.*

**Eurofriendly MPs and MEPs, please support these proposals that will strengthen your own positions.**

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