

## PARTICIPATE IN THE EUROPEAN ELECTIONS ON 7 JUNE 2009

AS A **CITIZEN OF THE EUROPEAN UNION** AND A **RESIDENT OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG**, YOU HAVE UP TO 12 MARCH 2009 TO ENROL ON THE ELECTORAL REGISTER FOR THE EUROPEAN ELECTIONS.

IF YOU ARE A **LUXEMBOURG NATIONAL**, YOU DO NOT NEED TO TAKE THIS STEP, SINCE YOU ARE AUTOMATICALLY REGISTERED ON THE ELECTORAL LIST OF YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL.

REGISTER TODAY | VOTE TOMORROW



European citizenship brings with it a number of rights and duties, including the right to vote and the right to stand as a candidate for the European Parliament elections. Members of the European Parliament are elected by direct universal suffrage for a five year term. Luxembourg elects six representatives to the European Parliament.

As a citizen of the European Union residing in the Grand Duchy, you have the choice between two voting procedures for the European Parliament.

1. You may elect candidates standing for election to represent the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. In the event that you choose this procedure, you must register on the electoral roll of your local council.
2. You may, if applicable, elect European Parliament members from your own country of origin. To this effect, you need to contact the competent authorities of your country of origin. Your consulate will be able to provide you with further information on this subject.

### WHY VOTE IN THE EUROPEAN ELECTIONS?

The European Parliament is the only European institution elected by citizens of the EU Member States by direct universal suffrage. It defends and represents the interests of EU citizens on a European level.

Voting in the elections enables you to:

- > lend weight to the European Parliament, which is involved in the adoption of directives impacting upon numerous aspects of our daily lives, such as freedom of movement for workers, non-discrimination and equal opportunities, the environment, internal security, social security for migrants, consumer protection, etc.;
- > let your voice be heard within the European Union with regard to Commission initiatives and the wills of the States.

### WHAT ARE THE CONDITIONS FOR BECOMING A VOTER ACCORDING TO THE NEW ELECTORAL LAW?

- > You must be a European Union national.
- > You must be 18 years of age on election day. Young people who are not yet of age but will be so on 7 June 2009 can also register on the electoral roll.
- > You must have resided in Luxembourg for at least two years\* upon registering on the electoral roll.
- > You must register by 12 March 2009.

### HOW TO REGISTER?

Go to the municipal administration of your place of residence by 12 March 2009 to register on the European electoral roll.

Submit a valid identity document and one or more residence certificates showing proof of two years of residence. You will be asked to complete a pre-printed form, which constitutes a formal declaration stating among others your nationality and your address, that you have not been deprived of your right to vote in your country of origin and that you will be exercising your right to vote in the European elections only in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

Once enrolled, you are required to vote on election day and will be automatically summoned for each European election.

### ONE STEP: TWO REGISTRATIONS

If you have resided in Luxembourg for at least five years, take advantage of this enrolment to also register on the electoral roll for the municipal elections, which will take place in October 2011. These are two separate electoral rolls.

\* This clause does not apply to EU citizens who due to their residence in a Member State outside of their country of origin or due to the length of their stay cannot vote there. These citizens will be entitled to vote on the sole condition that they have registered by 12 March 2009.

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