

European Elections Project
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WEEKLY UPDATE

30 days to the European Elections

Romanians Abroad: From the website of the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, you can download the list of the polling stations for Romanian citizens in the world. The list is available [here](#).

Registration Dates: EU citizens living in Croatia, Estonia, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Poland, Slovenia, Sweden and the UK (not nationals), and who wish to vote for MEP candidates of these countries, can still register to vote. The deadline in most cases is this week. For more information, check the [information shared by European Citizens Abroad](#).

Politics for People campaign

[ALTER-EU](#), the alliance for Lobbying Transparency and Ethics Regulation is a coalition of about 200 civil society groups, trade unions, academics and public affairs firms concerned with the increasing influence exerted by corporate lobbyists on the political agenda in Europe, the resulting loss of democracy in EU decision-making and the postponement, weakening, or blockage even, of urgently needed progress on social, environmental and consumer-protection reforms.

Last week they launched their [Politics for People](#) campaign in 11 languages across 19 countries, to stop banks and big business taking over democracy. The aim of the campaign is to get thousands of citizens across Europe contacting their MEP candidates directly, so that when these candidates are elected, there will be a group of MEPs who will fight against excessive

lobbying influence and will defend the public interest in the next European Parliament (2014-2019). Nearly 400 candidates have already signed their pledge, and ALTER-EU will closely observe the new MEPs after the elections to ensure that they stick to their promise to defend the public interest against excessive lobbying in Europe.



I Do Care – Lithuania

Our friends from [Man Ne Dzin](#) have shared with us the results of last week's campaign "I Do Care" in Vilnius City Centre. Young people were invited to go to a real voting cabin standing in the city and decorated by a well-known designer. There, they had to mark in the campaign's bulletin whether they would decide for themselves or let others decide for them in the elections. All of the participants had the possibility to get a snapshot with a sticker reminding about the elections dates. You can watch the pictures of the event [here](#).



European Presidential Debate

Do you want to be in the audience of the first ever European presidential debate and you are not far from Maastricht? The [European Youth Forum](#) has reserved 50 spaces for its member organisations and partners. If interested, please [register](#) before Thursday lunch time!

On the same topic, [EU top candidates to slug it out in TV debate](#), an article by [EUobserver](#), explains how this year will see the first-ever televised debate between candidates running to be the next head of the European Commission.



They have prepared a special section for the European elections (in French), available [here](#), where you will find articles on topics such as low turnout, young people's expectations, and austerity measures in Europe.

An article entitled '[Je n'ai jamais entendu dire que des gens votaient pour des élections européennes, ça arrive souvent?](#)' ('I have never heard that people vote for the European elections, does this happen often?'), shares an interesting point of view on the lack of information faced by the voters – even in Strasbourg, seat of the European Parliament.

This report contains some updates and information related to the European Elections Projects. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Francisco Malavassi (fmalavassi@gmail.com).

Wilders' Best Friends Forever!

Check out this [visual campaign](#) from The Netherlands that exposes the far-right coalition making (in Dutch).

Bondy Blog

'[Le Bondy Blog](#)' is a web-based media whose objective is to tell the stories of French working-class neighbourhoods and to make their voices heard in the national debate. In order to do this, they publish the work of more than 50 young collaborators who are starting their career or looking for a job.

