



VOTE, VOTE, VOTE – EXPLORING EUROPEAN ELECTORAL SYSTEMS

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ABOUT THE EVENT

The European Parliament elections are coming up in 2019, and the political parties and their youth organisations are starting to prepare for the campaigns. The list of electoral systems that are used in Europe is, however, as diverse as our union in every other aspect. And different systems might require different campaign tactics.

We therefore want to explore and compare different electoral systems (Closed list, SVT or preferential voting) used in the elections to the European Parliament, and how different systems affects campaigning. We will also discuss what system would be best for the transnational (pan-European) lists that hopefully will be introduced in the future. To explore this the European Liberal Forum is organising a workshop with the support of LYMEC and with the financial support of the European Parliament in Zagreb in February.

This workshop will include sessions with experts on the different topics, as well as contributions from the participants themselves. The participants will be required to draft a paper of minimum 1000 words on the topic when applying for the workshop. The essays will be presented during the event and will later be part of a publication.

EVENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 16 FEBRUARY

- 16:30** Opening and introductions
Kevin Tammearu, Bureau Member, LYMEC
Goran Neralić, President, International Educational Center

- 17:00** Presentation of essays by the participants
Moderator: Kevin Tammearu, Bureau Member, LYMEC

- 18:00** COFFEE BREAK

- 18:30** Introduction to different electoral systems
Professor David Farrell, Head, School of Politics and International Relations
University College Dublin

- 20:00** DINNER

- END OF THE FIRST DAY**



SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY

10:00 The impact of different electoral systems on political campaigning
Sissel van Run-Kvist, LYMEC President; **Svenja Hahn**, LYMEC Vice President; **Danica Vihinen**, LYMEC Secretary General

11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 Examples from the campaign trail
Participants from countries with different systems give examples of how they've campaigned
Moderator: Sergiu Boghean, Trainings Officer, LYMEC

12:30 Transnational lists: an introduction
Danica Vihinen, LYMEC Secretary General

13:15 LUNCH

14:15 The electoral sweet spot: a radically new system to spice up the European elections
Stefan Windberger, International Officer, NEOS

16:30 COFFEE BREAK

17:00 Discussion in smaller groups

18:00 Presentation of outcome in discussions
Moderator: Svenja Hahn, Vice President, LYMEC

18:30 Information on how to proceed with the essays and closing of event
Danica Vihinen, Secretary General, LYMEC
Sissel van Run-Kvist, President, LYMEC

20:00 DINNER

END OF THE EVENT

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