


# Procedure file

Basic information	
NLE - Non-legislative enactments Recommendation	2013/0900(NLE) Procedure completed
Establishing the composition of the European Parliament See also <a href="#">2012/2309(INL)</a>	
Subject 8.40.01 European Parliament 8.40.01.01 Elections, direct universal suffrage	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>AFCO</b> Constitutional Affairs		28/05/2013
		PPE <a href="#">TRZASKOWSKI Rafal</a>	28/05/2013
		S&D <a href="#">GUALTIERI Roberto</a>	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">General Affairs</a>	<a href="#">3251</a>	28/06/2013

Key events			
31/05/2013	Legislative proposal published	00110/2013	Summary
10/06/2013	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
10/06/2013	Vote in committee		
10/06/2013	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A7-0213/2013</a>	Summary
12/06/2013	Results of vote in Parliament		
12/06/2013	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T7-0265/2013</a>	Summary
28/06/2013	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
28/06/2013	End of procedure in Parliament		
29/06/2013	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2013/0900(NLE)

Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legislative instrument	Recommendation
	See also <a href="#">2012/2309(INL)</a>
Legal basis	Treaty on European Union TEU 14-p2
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFCO/7/12915

### Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		00110/2013	31/05/2013	EUCO	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A7-0213/2013</a>	10/06/2013	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T7-0265/2013</a>	12/06/2013	EP	Summary

### Final act

[Decision 2013/312](#)  
[OJ L 181 29.06.2013, p. 0057](#) Summary

## Establishing the composition of the European Parliament

**PURPOSE:** to establish the composition of the European Parliament.

**PROPOSED ACT:** European Council Decision.

**BACKGROUND:** Article 2(1) and (2) of Protocol No 36 on transitional provisions will expire at the end of the 2009-2014 parliamentary term. It is necessary to comply without delay with the provisions of Article 2(3) of Protocol No 36 and therefore to adopt the decision provided for in the second subparagraph of Article 14(2) of the Treaty on European Union, in order to enable Member States to enact in good time the necessary domestic measures for organising the elections to the European Parliament for the 2014-2019 parliamentary term.

The first subparagraph of Article 14(2) of the Treaty on European Union lays down the criteria for the composition of the European Parliament, namely: (i) that representatives of the Union's citizens are not to exceed 750, plus the President, (ii) that representation is to be degressively proportional, with a minimum threshold of 6 members per Member State, and (iii) that no Member State is to be allocated more than 96 seats.

**LEGAL BASIS:** Article 14(2) of the Treaty on European Union (TEU).

**CONTENT:** by applying the principle of degressive proportionality provided for by the Treaty on European Union, it is proposed to establish the number of representatives in the European Parliament elected in each Member States for the 2014-2019 parliamentary term as follows:

- Belgium : 21
- Bulgaria : 17
- Czech Republic : 21
- Denmark : 13
- Germany : 96
- Estonia : 6
- Ireland : 11
- Greece : 21
- Spain : 54
- France : 74
- Croatia : 11
- Italy : 73
- Cyprus : 6
- Latvia : 8
- Lithuania : 11
- Luxembourg : 6
- Hungary : 21
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- Portugal : 21
- Romania : 32
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- Sweden : 20
- United Kingdom : 73.

It is proposed that this Decision shall be revised sufficiently far in advance of the beginning of the 2019-2024 parliamentary term on the basis of an initiative of the European Parliament presented before the end of 2016 with the aim of establishing a system which in future will make it possible, before each fresh election to the European Parliament, to allocate the seats between Member States in an objective, fair, durable and transparent way.

The allocation should respect the principle of degressive proportionality, taking account of any change in their number and demographic trends in their population, as duly ascertained thus respecting the overall balance of the institutional system.

## Establishing the composition of the European Parliament

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The Committee on Constitutional Affairs adopted the report by Roberto GUALTIERI (S&D, IT) and Rafał TRZASKOWSKI (EPP, PL) on the draft European Council decision establishing the composition of the European Parliament.

The committee recommends the European Parliament to give its consent to the draft European Council decision.

## Establishing the composition of the European Parliament

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The European Parliament gave its consent by 574 votes to 71, with 39 abstentions, to the draft European Council decision establishing the composition of the European Parliament.

It should be noted that the draft European Council decision remains unchanged as regards the allocation of seats between Member States as proposed by Parliament in its [resolution of 13 March 2013](#).

## Establishing the composition of the European Parliament

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**PURPOSE:** to establish the composition of the European Parliament.

**NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT:** European Council Decision (2013/312/EU) establishing the composition of the European Parliament.

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ENTRY INTO FORCE: 30/06/2013.