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Notice of participation in the European Parliamentary Elections in Denmark Sunday, 25 May 2014

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(To resident EU citizens in Denmark who will be enrolled in the electoral register on application)

In the following "EU citizens" mean citizens of the other EU member states.

EU citizens hold voting rights and are eligible

European Parliamentary elections will be held in Denmark on **Sunday, 25 May 2014**, for the election of 13 members to the European Parliament.

EU citizens who are residents of Denmark and who by or before the election day have reached 18 years of age are entitled to participate in the elections in Denmark as voters as well as candidates. However, persons who have been deprived of their legal capacity under section 6 (legally incapacitated) of the Guardianship Act are disqualified from participating in the elections.

If your residency is registered in the Civil Registration System (the CPR), the permanent address requirement is considered to be fulfilled.

Enrolment in the electoral register

In order to exercise your voting right, that is the right to cast your vote, you must first be enrolled in the electoral register.

If you wish to cast your vote in the European Parliamentary elections in Denmark, you must fill in the enclosed application form and forward it to the local district office in your residential municipality.

The local district office must receive the completed form not later than **Tuesday, 22 April 2014**.

However, if **as from Wednesday, 16 April 2014 up to and including Tuesday, 22 April 2014**, you:

- 1) have notified the local district office of the municipality you are moving to of having moved to Denmark in respect of a move made not later than Tuesday, 15 April 2014; or



- 2) have moved to Denmark and have notified the local district office of the municipality you are moving to; or
- 3) have acquired a citizenship of another EU member state; or
- 4) if applicable, have had a guardianship order depriving you of your legal capacity under section 6 of the Guardianship Act, revoked,

the last day for submitting the application is **Tuesday, 29 April 2014**.

EU citizens moving to Denmark later than 22 April 2014, or notifying the local district office of the municipality they are moving to about the move later than this day cannot enrol in the electoral register and will therefore not be able to vote in the European Parliamentary elections in Denmark on 25 May 2014.

After you have submitted your application for enrolment in the electoral register the local district office will inform you whether or not your application has been approved. If your application is approved, your home country will be notified that your name is entered in the electoral register in Denmark.

Especially for Danish citizens who change their status to being a citizen of another EU member state

If up till now you have been a Danish citizen with a permanent address in Denmark but change your status to being a citizen of another EU member state as from Wednesday, 23 April 2014 up to and including Friday, 9 May 2014, you may be enrolled in the electoral register in Denmark as a resident EU citizen by submitting an application with your request to your residential municipality **not later than Friday, 9 May 2014**.

Voting is allowed in one EU member state only

No voter is allowed to cast his or her vote in the European Parliamentary elections in more than one EU member state. If you wish to participate in the elections in Denmark, you cannot also participate in the elections in your home country (or any other member state).

For information on casting your vote in your home country, please contact your embassy or the competent authority in your home country. Additional information is obtainable from the electoral authorities of the individual EU member states, please see contact details on the Commission's website **www.europarl.europa.eu**.

Duration of enrolment in the electoral register in Denmark

If you are enrolled in the electoral register for the European Parliamentary elections in Denmark on 25 May 2014, you will automatically, that is without submitting any application to this effect, be entered in the electoral register for the next European Parliamentary elections (in 2019, 2024 etc.) provided you still have a permanent address in Denmark and have not moved neither abroad nor to the Faroe Islands or Greenland in the meantime.

However, you may at any time be struck off the electoral register (should you for instance prefer casting your vote in your home country). A request to be struck off the electoral register must be forwarded to the local district office of your residential municipality and must be received by the local district office **not later than Friday, 9 May 2014** to take effect in time for the European Parliamentary elections of 25 May 2014. Should you request being struck off the electoral register in Denmark, you *cannot re-*



verse your withdrawal and ask to be put back on the electoral register in Denmark for the coming European Parliamentary elections of 25 May 2014.

Voting on election day and advance voting

Not later than **5 days before election day** will you receive a poll card indicating the specific polling station you will have to go to in order to vote on election day.

If you prefer voting before election day, you have the option of casting your vote in advance. The general rules of advance voting are as follows:

- In Denmark you may cast your vote in advance at any local district office – i.e. not limited to the local district office of your residential municipality – as from **Tuesday, 25 February 2014** up to and including **Friday, 23 May 2014**.
- If you are staying abroad, you may cast your vote in advance at the local Danish embassy or consulate. Abroad you may cast your vote as from **Tuesday, 25 February 2014**. You must cast your advance vote well ahead of election day to ensure that it can be dispatched and received by the municipality that has your name recorded in its electoral register, before voting starts on the election day at 9am.
- When casting your vote in advance you must produce evidence of your identity (passport, driving licence or similar).

Yours sincerely,

Ministry of Economic Affairs and the Interior