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## European Parliamentary elections in Denmark on Sunday 26 May 2019

**Notification to EU citizens with a permanent address in Denmark who are enrolled in the electoral register upon application.**

### **ENG: You can vote and participate as a candidate for the European Parliamentary elections in Denmark**

European Parliament elections will be held in Denmark on **Sunday 26 May 2019**. The voters in Denmark must elect 14 members.

As an EU citizen with a permanent address in Denmark, you can vote in the European Parliamentary elections in Denmark if you have reached the age of 18 years on the election day. If your residency is registered in the Civil Registration System (CPR), the permanent address requirement is considered to be fulfilled. You are also entitled to run for the elections in Denmark.

Foreign nationals who have been deported by final judgment (according to sections 22-24 or 25c of the Danish Aliens Act) and foreign nationals who have been deported by a final decision (sections 25-25b of the Danish Aliens Act), are however disqualified from voting.

If you are a British citizen and live in Denmark, you can read more here: <https://elections.oim.dk/ep-elections/brexit/>.

### **Before you can vote in the elections in Denmark you must be enrolled in the electoral register**

To vote for the elections in Denmark, you must first be enrolled in the electoral register. It is voluntary if you want to vote in the elections in Denmark and thus if you want to be enrolled in the electoral register.

If you want to vote in the European Parliament elections in Denmark, you must fill in the enclosed application form and send it to the local authority in which you live.

The local authority must receive your application no later than **Tuesday 23 April 2019**.

Instead, the deadline is on **Monday 29 April 2019** if, **in the period from and including Monday 15 April up to and including Tuesday 23 April 2019**, you have either:

- 1) moved to Denmark,
- 2) have notified your new local authority of your moving, or



3) become a citizen in one of the other EU countries.

If you move to Denmark later than 23 April 2019 or later than on the date on which you have notified your new local authority of your moving, you cannot be enrolled in the electoral register with effect to the European Parliamentary elections on 26 May 2019. Instead, you can be enrolled in the electoral register with effect in the European Parliamentary elections in 2024.

Likewise, applications submitted **after the above deadlines** cannot have effect in the European Parliamentary elections on 26 May 2019, but not until the elections in 2024.

Your local authority will inform you whether your application has been approved. If you are enrolled in the electoral register in Denmark, your home country will be notified about this.

#### **Voting in the European Parliament elections is allowed in one country only**

The reason why, as a EU citizen with a permanent address in Denmark, you can only be enrolled in the electoral register in Denmark following an application is that you can choose if you want to participate in the elections in your home country or your country of residence (Denmark). However, you can **only vote in one country**, and therefore you cannot vote both in the elections in Denmark and in your home country.

For information on casting your vote in your home country, please contact your embassy or the competent authority in your home country.

#### **Duration of enrolment in the electoral register in Denmark**

If you are enrolled in the electoral register in Denmark, you will automatically remain in the electoral register provided you still have a permanent address in Denmark. Thus, you do not have to apply for enrolment in the electoral register for upcoming European Parliamentary elections. However, it is a precondition that you have not moved abroad, to the Faroe Islands or Greenland in the meantime or have requested to be struck off the electoral register.

You may at any time request to be struck off the electoral register (e.g. because you prefer to cast your vote in your home country). You do this by requesting the local authority where you live to do so. If you want to be struck off the electoral register for the European Parliament elections on 26 May 2019, the deadline is **Friday 10 May 2019**. If you request to be struck off the electoral register later than this date, it will not have effect until the elections in 2024.

#### **You can cast your vote on the election day or cast your vote in advance**

If you are enrolled in the electoral register for the European Parliament elections in Denmark, you can choose if you want to vote on the election day or cast your advance vote at an earlier date.

If you vote on the election day, you must appear at the polling place where you belong. It will be specified in the poll card which you receive by mail about 5 days before the election day.

Instead of appearing in person to cast your vote on the election day, you can vote in advance. You can vote in advance in any local authority in Denmark from **Monday 15 April** up to and including **Thursday 23 May 2019**. If you stay abroad, you can vote in advance at a Danish embassy or consulate. Abroad, you can vote in advance from



and including Tuesday 26 February 2019. You must cast your postal vote well ahead of election day to ensure that it can be dispatched and received by the local authority before voting starts on the election day at 9am. Remember evidence of your identity when you vote by post.

**Processing of personal data**

According to the General Data Protection Regulation and the Danish Data Protection Act, you have a right of access to the information which is registered about you. You can get that by contacting your local authority which has registered the information. You can demand to have rectified any incorrect information registered about you.