

RULES GOVERNING VOTING

BUREAU DECISION

OF 3 MAY 2004¹

THE BUREAU OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Chapter 1 Roll-call votes

Article 1

Requests for correction of roll-call votes

1. Requests for a correction of vote made verbally in the sitting or forwarded in writing or electronically by Members may concern only roll-call votes.
2. Any request for a correction of vote forwarded by a Member shall be recorded in the minutes, but the result of the vote shall not be changed.

Article 2

Verification of attendance at votes

1. The subsistence allowance shall be reduced by 50% for each of the days on which a Member has been absent for more than half the roll-call votes taken on the Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays of part-sessions in Strasbourg and on the second day of part-sessions in Brussels.
2. Members may ask for their attendance to be recorded should they not wish to take part in a roll-call vote.

Chapter 2 Electronic voting system

Article 3

Electronic votes with card

Electronic votes shall be taken using the blue non-transferable chip card issued to Members when they take up their duties.

¹ Bureau decision of 3 May 2004 consolidating existing rules, as amended by the Bureau decision of 16 June 2014 and supplemented by the Bureau decision of 20 March 2020 as amended by the Bureau decision of 6 July 2020, 14 September 2020, 23 November 2020 and 8 February 2021.

Article 4
Vote from any seat in the Chamber

Members may vote from any seat in the Chamber using their personal cards.

Article 5
Insertion of the voting card

The voting card must be inserted into the slot in the terminal with the side showing the Member's name facing towards him or her.

The terminal then comes on.

If the card has been inserted incorrectly, a yellow warning light will flash and an animated instructional display will appear.

If the card has been correctly inserted, the display will show:

- the card number
- the Member's name
- the current date.

Article 6
Use of the voting card during voting

When the President puts a motion to the vote, Members must press the one of the three buttons on the terminal which matches their voting intention. The corresponding light on the terminal will then come on:

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|---------------------|------------|-------------|
| - left-hand button | FOR | GREEN light |
| - centre button | ABSTENTION | WHITE light |
| - right-hand button | AGAINST | RED light |

When a vote is taken by secret ballot, only a BLUE light will appear, indicating that the Member in question has taken part in the vote.

The display will show information on the vote

- subject of the vote
- nature of vote: *for (+), against (-), abstention (0)* for votes by public ballot

X for votes by secret ballot

- type of vote *simple, roll-call or secret ballot*
- status of vote *open, closed*

in the form of the relevant pictograms.

Until the President has announced that the vote is closed, Members may change their vote by pressing a different button.

The President assesses the data provided by the voting system, notes the result and announces it.

Following the announcement by the President, the terminal display will show the result of the vote.

Article 7
Use of the voting card during debates

During debates, and outside voting times, the display will show the following information:

- subject of the debate
- name of the speaker
- names of the following speakers
- the next items on the agenda.

Chapter 3
Final provisions

Article 8
Entry into force

This Decision, as amended, shall enter into force on 1 July 2014.