

## **EPP 2025 STATUTORY CONGRESS Valencia**

### **VOTING REGULATION FOR THE ELECTION OF THE EPP PRESIDENT, SECRETARY GENERAL, TREASURER AND TEN VICE-PRESIDENTS**

*(Approved by the EPP Presidency on 18 December 2024, to be submitted for approval to the EPP Political Assembly on 14 January 2025).*

1. This Regulation, adopted by the EPP Political Assembly [in Brussels, on 14 January 2025], is effective for the elections of the EPP President, Secretary General, Treasurer and Vice-Presidents to take place at the **XXIX EPP Congress**, 29 and 30 of April, Valencia, Spain.
2. The Political Assembly of March 2025 will designate a President, two Assessors and a Secretary of the Voting Commission. These scrutineers will oversee the correct application of this Regulation and of the Statutes.
3. Election dates and timings:
  - a. Members of the EPP Congress with the right to vote can do so on **Tuesday 29 April 2025** (Timing: To be confirmed), by completing secret and separate voting ballots for:
    - EPP President
  - b. Members of the EPP Congress with the right to vote can do so on **Wednesday 30 April 2025** (Timing: To be confirmed), by completing secret and separate voting ballots for:
    - 10 EPP Vice-Presidents
    - one EPP Treasurer
    - one EPP Secretary General, on the proposal of the President.
4. The following have voting right: *(article 1 a) of the EPP Internal Regulations and Art. 5 of the EPP Statutes\*)*:
  - Members of the EPP Presidency;
  - Presidents of Ordinary Member Parties, Associated Member Parties and Member Associations;
  - Delegates of Ordinary Member Parties, Associated Member Parties and Member Associations
  - Heads of State or Government of Member States of the European Union, who are members of an Ordinary Member Party;
  - Individual Members of the Association (cf. article 5, (4) of the Statutes);
  - Members of the European Commission provided they are members of an Ordinary Member Party;
  - Presidents of the EPP, like-minded or associated Groups, at the Parliamentary Assemblies of the CoE, the OSCE and NATO, the European Committee of the

regions, Union for the Mediterranean and EURONEST provided that they are a member of an Ordinary Member Party or an Associated Member Party;

- Delegates of the EPP, like-minded or associated Groups, at the Parliamentary Assemblies of the CoE, the OSCE and NATO, the European Committee of the regions, Union for the Mediterranean and EURONEST, provided that they are member of an Ordinary Member Party or Associated Member Party.

*\*Art 5 of the EPP Statutes: “Associated Member Parties, or their representatives within the organs and bodies of the association, shall not participate in decisions involving the policies and structure of the European Union nor of its institutional system”.*

The composition of the Congress was approved by the EPP Political Assembly on [14 January 2025].

5. In order to complete the list of voters EPP Ordinary Member and Associated Parties, Member Associations and the EPP Groups in the Parliamentary Assembly of the CoE, OSCE and NATO, the European Committee of the Regions, Union for the Mediterranean and EURONEST must inform the General Secretariat of the EPP of the names of their delegates. **The list of voters will be irrevocably closed on Thursday 17 April 2025 and will serve as the register of voters for the Congress.**
6. **The right to vote is personal and unalienable. Voting by proxy is not permitted.** In order to apply this statutory stipulation, the scrutineers will verify the identity of members of the electorate.
7. The Congress elects first the President who, subsequently, proposes to the Congress a Secretary General to be elected. Only representatives of Ordinary and Associated Member Parties are eligible for these functions.
8. For the election of the EPP President, EPP Treasurer and EPP Secretary General, the candidate obtaining the simple majority of valid votes will be declared elected. Abstentions are not considered valid votes.
  - a. If there are two candidates and no candidate obtains the required simple majority (tie), a second ballot shall be held. If there is again a tie in the second ballot, the youngest candidate will be declared elected.
  - b. If there are more than two candidates and no candidate obtains the required simple majority, a second ballot shall be held between the two candidates who got the highest number of valid votes at the first ballot.
9. For the election of the ten Vice-Presidents, in case the number of candidates exceeds 10: the congress members will have to cast at least five votes and ten votes at the most. The candidates obtaining the ten highest number of votes will be declared elected. In the event of ‘ex aequo’ of the 10<sup>th</sup> candidate, the youngest candidate will be declared elected. Abstentions are not considered valid votes.
10. In the event that the number of candidates does not exceed the number of posts to be filled, voters will be obliged to vote “yes”, “no” or to leave their ballot paper blank (abstention).

11. The candidates for the ten Vice-Presidents will be presented on an alphabetical list, starting with the character **TBC** drawn on the meeting of the EPP Political Assembly of March 2025.
12. **Candidates for the functions of President, Vice-Presidents and Treasurer must be nominated in writing to the General Secretariat of the EPP on 22 April 2025 at 23:59 CET at the latest (seven days prior to the date of the election). Candidatures must include a CV of the candidate.**

**Presidents and Secretaries General are entitled, on behalf of Ordinary and Associated Member Parties and on behalf of Member Associations, to propose candidates provided that all candidates are member of an Ordinary or Associated Member Party.**

All Ordinary and Associated Member Parties and all Member Associations shall be informed of the names of the candidates on **26 April 2025** at the latest (not less than three days prior to the elections) (art. 11 of the EPP Statutes).