



EPP Congress, 30-31 March 2006, Rome, Italy

Voting Regulation for the Election of the EPP President, Secretary General, Treasurer and Vice-Presidents

Adopted by the EPP Political Bureau ,9-10 Jan 2006

1. This Regulation, adopted by the EPP Political Bureau meeting in Brussels on 9-10 January 2006, is effective for the elections of the EPP President, Secretary General, Treasurer and Vice-Presidents to take place at the 17th EPP Congress, 30-31 March 2006 in Rome.
2. The Political Bureau designates a President and, at least, one Assessor and a Secretary of the Voting Commission. These scrutineers will oversee the correct application of this Regulation and of the Statutes.
3.
 - a) Members of the EPP Congress with the right to vote can do so on **Thursday 30 March 2006** from **15.00 – 18.00 hrs**, by completing a voting ballot for :
 - EPP President
 - b) Members of the EPP Congress with the right to vote can do so on **Friday 31 March 2006** from **8.30 – 12.00 hrs**, by completing 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 rights : (article 1a of the EPP Internal Regulations)
 - Members of the EPP Presidency;
 - Presidents of Ordinary Member Parties and Associated Member Parties;
 - Delegates of Ordinary Member Parties and Associated Member Parties;
 - Heads of State and of Government of Member States of the European Union, who are members of an Ordinary Member Party;
 - The President of the Council of Europe if he is a member of an Ordinary Member Party;
 - Individual Members of the Association emanating from the EPP-ED Group in the European Parliament;
 - Delegates of Recognised Associations;
 - Members of the European Commission provided they are members of an Ordinary Member Party;
 - Presidents of the EPP Groups at the Committee of the Regions, the Parliamentary Assemblies of the Council of Europe, the WEU, the OSCE and NATO;
 - Delegates of the EPP Group in the Committee of the Regions.

5. The EPP General Secretariat will establish an alphabetic list of members with voting rights. In order to complete the list of voters, EPP Member and Associate Parties and Recognised Associations must inform the EPP General Secretariat of the names of their Party / Association's delegates. Said list will be irrevocably closed on 15 March 2006 and will serve as the Register of voters.
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. For the Election of the EPP President, EPP Vice Presidents, EPP Treasurer and EPP Secretary General, the candidate(s) obtaining the majority of valid votes will be declared elected. Abstentions are not considered valid votes. In the event of 'ex aequo', the youngest candidate(s) will be declared elected.
8. For the Election of the Vice Presidents : the congressmembers will have to cast at least 5 (five) votes and 10 (ten) votes at the most.
9. 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).
10. The candidates for the 10 EPP Vice Presidents will be presented on an alphabetical list, starting with the character 'R' drawn on the meeting of the EPP Political Bureau of 9-10 January 2006.
11. Candidates for the functions of President, Vice-Presidents and Treasurer must be nominated, in writing, to the Secretariat General, on 23 March 2006 at the latest (seven days prior to the date of the election). Presidents and Secretaries General are entitled, on behalf of Ordinary and Associated Member Parties, to propose candidates. All Ordinary and Associated Member Parties shall be informed of the names of the candidates on 27 March 2006 at the latest (not less than three days prior to the elections). (art. 10 of the By-Laws)