



## **European Movement Mouvement Européen**

### **Better European Elections in 2014**

#### **Electoral Reform necessary**

The European Movement International in Prague on 19-20 June gave its first reaction to the European Parliament elections.

EMI regrets that the European Parliament elections were characterized by the national issues, the rise of the populism and a falling turnout.

EMI believes that the newly elected Parliament must now move quickly to re-assert the EU dimension by finding European solutions to Europe's common problems asserting the role of Europe speaking with one voice in world affairs.

In current critical circumstances, the EU needs a responsible European Commission with a broadly-based programme which addresses economic recovery, immigration, energy and climate change and the impact of the EU in the world as its top priorities. All five challenges require action plans at the federal level.

Therefore, EMI ask the European Council to consult the newly elected representatives of the European Parliament before formally nominating any candidate, thus respecting the spirit of the Lisbon Treaty.

Moreover, the Parliament should press ahead with its plans for the electoral reform starting from the democratic and transparent procedures of setting up the electoral lists to a European dimension of conducting the elections.

Overall, a better European wide communication strategy is necessary looking forward to the next EP elections. The European political parties have to address the main citizens' questions in order for the media, all over Europe, to report and explain those issues to the citizens.

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