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# The Reform of European Electoral Law

## EFA Conference

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Co-hosted by **Josep-Maria Terricabras MEP**, **Jill Evans MEP** and **Jordi Sebastià MEP**

The forthcoming reform of European Electoral Law brings us an opportunity to strengthen the democratic legitimacy of the EU.

However, in order to pursue that goal, we need to evaluate different aspects:

- *To what extent is the harmonisation of Electoral Law going to help reach that objective?*
- *How can we foster the Europeanization of European elections?*
- *How can we find a balance between unity and diversity?*
- *What should be the role of regions and stateless nations in the rules to define constituencies?*

This conference aims at starting a dialogue between politicians, academics and civil society in order to analyse the questions that arise from that process.

### **Agenda**

15:00 Opening remarks by **Jill Evans**, EFA MEP (Plaid Cymru)

**15:10 PANEL I: DOES THE REFORM OF EUROPEAN ELECTORAL LAW PRESENT AN**

## **OPPORTUNITY TO STRENGTHEN THE DEMOCRATIC LEGITIMACY OF THE EU? HOW?**

Chaired by **Jill Evans MEP** (Plaid Cymru)

**Albert Aixalà**, Programs Director at Catalunya Europa Foundation and Associate Professor of Political Science at *Universitat Pompeu Fabra*

**Roberto Louvin**, Associate Professor of Comparative Public Law at the University of Calabria

**Josep Maria Reniu**, Professor of Political Sciences, Director of Political Science Studies at the University of Barcelona and Director of the Coalition Government Observatory

**Simon Toubeau**, Assistant Professor in the School of Politics and International Relations at the University of Nottingham and author of the Centre Maurits Coppieters report on '*Electoral Contestability*'.

15:55 *Debate*

### **16:15 PANEL II: WHAT COULD BE NEXT FOR EUROPEAN ELECTORAL LAW?**

Chaired by **Jordi Sebastià MEP** (Compromís)

**Bernd Hüttemann**, Vice President of the European Movement International and Secretary General of the European Movement Germany

**Fflur Jones**, Partner at Darwin Grey Law Firm and adviser on some of the jurisdictional issues facing Wales since devolution

**Willie Sullivan**, Director of the Electoral Reform Society Scotland

**Josep-Maria Terricabras MEP** (Esquerra Republicana de Catalunya), President of the EFA Group in the European Parliament and Greens/EFA shadow rapporteur on the reform of European Electoral Law

17:00 *Debate*

17:20 Closing remarks by **Jordi Sebastià**, EFA MEP (Compromís)

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