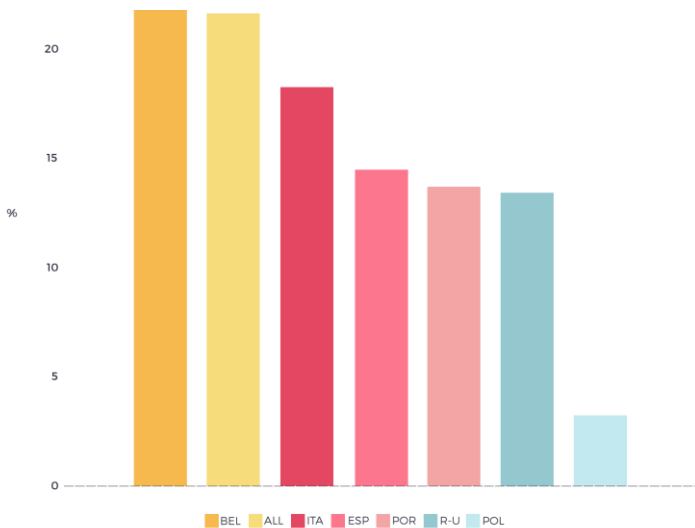




## RIGHT TO VOTE AND TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR MUNICIPAL AND EUROPEAN ELECTIONS, A CONTRIBUTION OF EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP

European citizenship endows you with the **right to vote and to be eligible for municipal and European elections**. In order to take advantage of this right, you must register as a voter in your city before 31 March 2019 for European elections, and latest by the sixth Friday prior to municipal elections. Caution, registration for municipal elections is different from that of European elections. However, if you register in a commune for municipal elections, you must register yourself in the same commune for European elections. 23% of European citizens in France are registered voters for municipal elections, and 20% for European elections.



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## VOTING CONDITIONS FOR THE FRENCH:

- ▶ Must be at least **18 years old**
- ▶ **Reside in France**, and possess civic and political rights
- ▶ Be **registered before 31 March 2019 for European elections and latest by the sixth Friday prior to municipal elections.**

## RIGHT TO VOTE AND TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR EUROPEAN ELECTIONS:

Each country has its own electoral procedure.

As a European national, you must also respect the same conditions as the French and meet certain conditions:

- ▶ Possess **civil and political capacity in your State of origin**
- ▶ Be **a resident in the commune** where you wish to vote; or a **resident in France for at least 6 months, or exercise the capacity of direct communal contribution** (i.e. paying taxes to the commune for at least 5 years)
- ▶ Be **registered in advance as a voter at your place of residence**. You must fill in a form accompanied by supporting documents and a solemn declaration (see article by Toute l'Europe, "more details" section). The form and the solemn declaration must be sent to the city hall of your place of residence.

## RIGHT TO VOTE AND TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS:

In France, as a European citizen, you cannot be elected to executive functions (mayors or deputies), but you **can be elected as a town councillor** (but cannot appoint senators), and you **cannot vote in elections** (particularly legislative and presidential) **other than municipal and European elections**. In France, even if you are registered as a resident, you are not automatically registered for municipal elections. If you register to vote in French municipal elections, you can **also vote in another Member State** (the Member State of origin, for example). You will then receive a specific voter's card, **valid only for municipal and/or European elections**.

The criteria for voter registration for municipal elections are the same as those for European elections, without the solemn declaration. You must also provide the city hall of your place of residence with a written declaration mentioning your nationality, French address and your right to vote in your State of nationality (proof of residence).

## HOW TO REGISTER AS A VOTER FOR MUNICIPAL AND/OR EUROPEAN ELECTIONS:

- ▶ Online on the **government website**
- ▶ By going to the **city hall of your arrondissement** with the CERFA form, a recent identity document and documentary proof of residence.
- ▶ **By letter** by sending all documents requested (CERFA, ID and proof of residence)

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## MORE DETAILS

Toute l'Europe, [Voter aux élections européennes en Franc \(Voting in European elections in France\)](#), 10 March 2014

Insee, [French voter registration as at 1 March 2014: focus on European citizens](#), 2 December 2014

Toute l'Europe, [Voter ou être éligible aux élections municipales dans l'Union Européenn \(Voting or being eligible for municipal elections in the European Union\)](#), 10 April 2017

Service public, [Élections : droit de vote d'un citoyen européen \(Elections: a European citizen's right to vote\)](#), 27 November 2017