EMBRACING A NEW HORIZON

YOUTH WILL SAY THE LAST WORD IN THE EUROPEAN ELECTIONS

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Belgium's 2023 decision to lower the voting age to 16 for EE24 signals a transformative shift; eliminating registration requirements, empowering youth to enhance representation and revitalising the electoral process.



HUMAN RIGHTS FREEDOM DEMOCRACY



THE EU **CHAMPIONS** DEMOCRACY, **HUMAN RIGHTS & COOPERATION**

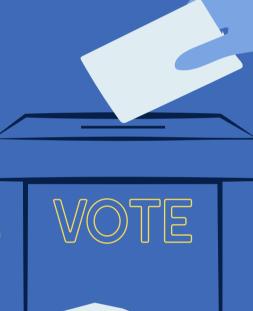
These principles, codified in the Lisbon Treaty and EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, uphold the EU's commitment to global positive change.

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ENSURES EU **GOVERNANCE AND VALUES THROUGH:**

Citizen Representation Engagement **Enlargement**

Budget Youth European External Identity **Approval** Engagement Relations

WHO CAN **VOTE IN THE EE24?**



- Be an EU Member State national. • Have main residence in a
- Belgian municipality.
- Be at least 16 years old.
- Be entitled and registered to vote.

THE POWER OF VOTING IN EE24

Belgium's move to lower the voting age for EE24 to 16 trusts youth to shape the future. Voting empowers them to influence policies, fostering belonging and responsibility.

> **EUROPEAN CITIZENS WELCOME** AT THREE LEVELS: EUROPEAN, FEDERAL-LEGISLATIVE & REGIONAL.



PROCEDURES

VOTING

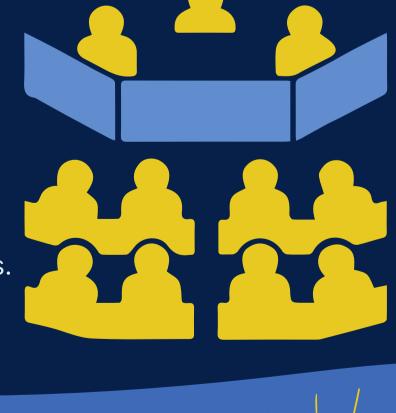
options for proxy voting and absentee ballots, while an optional electronic voting demo is scheduled in Brussels in May 2024.

Voting methods vary from electronic to paper, with



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voting, with initial non-voting resulting in fines and repeated absence, risking loss of civil rights.



Take the time to research the candidates, their

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platforms, and the issues at stake in the elections!





