On June 9, European Elections will take place in Spain. The European Parliament Liaison Office in Spain is pleased to inform you on the **steps you need to take in order to be able to cast your vote for the <u>candidates running in Spain</u>. If you would rather vote for the candidates running in your country of origin, please contact your consulate to find out how.**

Citizens of another EU Member State who want to vote in European elections in Spain

To vote in European elections, it is necessary to **appear on the electoral roll** (*censo electoral*) for elections to the European Parliament. For this, you need to:

- be at least 18 years old on voting day;
- **be registered in your municipality** of residence (*empadronamiento*);
- have **stated your intention to vote** in the elections to the European Parliament in Spain;
- have undertaken to exercise this voting right only in Spain; and
- have **disclosed your last constituency** in your country of origin so that you can be identified in your country of origin and avoid dual voting.

1) How do I register in my municipality?

The *(padrón)* register is a **municipal register**. The town council is responsible for compiling and managing it. To go on the municipal register, you must apply to your municipality of residence, submit the **requested documents and follow the procedure**.

• Madrid: You will need to book an appointment via this website or by phone (010) in one of the citizen support offices (Oficina de Atención a la Ciudadanía Línea Madrid). You will also have to fill out the register form (hoja padronal) and prove your identity by means of your ID or passport from your country of origin together with the certificate of registration as an EU national, which states your state the name, nationality, address, identity number for foreign nationals (NIE). If you still don't have your registration certificate, you can find all relevant information on how to get it on the National Police's website. You will also have to prove your address by means of a property deed, a valid lease contract or a utility invoice from the previous month. If you have any doubts, check out this FAQ website.

2) When do I declare my intention to vote in Spain for the European Elections?

You can register as resident and express your wish to vote in Spain at any time. However, if you want to be included in the electoral roll in time for the elections to the European Parliament, you will have to do both formalities at least **two or three months before the elections and ideally before January 30 2024.**

3) How do I go about it?

There are two alternatives:

- In person in your municipality, at the time of your registration or at a later date;
- Online, if you have a NIE and the Cl@ve mobile app, via the <u>Electronic Office</u> of the National Statistics Institute (INE).

<u>Special case</u>: A few months before the elections, the Electoral Census Office **sends a notification** with information and instructions on how to state their intention to vote in Spain to EU residents in Spain

- who have **not formally stated their intention to vote** <u>AND</u>
- who were **not notified** on the occasion of previous European elections.

<u>Important!</u> if you were notified before but did not declare your intention to vote, the Electoral Census Office will not contact you again but you can still state your intention to vote either in person or online. If this is your case, don't wait for the notification!

4) What happens next?

- Once EU residents in Spain have registered and declared an intention to vote in municipal elections, Cl@ve gives remote access to their registration details on the electoral roll at the Electronic Office of INE.
- In case of a missing entry, incomplete or wrong information, the voter may **file a complaint** to the Electoral Census Office of their municipality.
- You will be able to cast your vote via the same procedures as Spanish nationals.

We hope this information will be useful! To learn more about the next European elections in Spain, you can visit the European Parliament's <u>dedicated website</u>. If you have any further doubts, we will be happy to help!

Best regards,



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