

Notice of election

Since the quorum has not been reached (44,91% instead of 66,67%) after the first vote, the Electoral office is issuing the following notice of election for the Brussels Local Staff Committee.

1. Date, time and place of elections

The dates for second vote for the election of the Brussels Local Staff Committee are scheduled for the **25th, 26th and 27th January 2022**.

If a quorum of majority of voters has not been reached after these three days, the electoral period will automatically be extended by 10 working days, from **28th, January 2022 to 10th, February 2022**.

Members of staff who have already voted during the first round have to do it again.

Voting will be electronic, except in the case of postal votes (see 4 below). Access to electronic voting will be guaranteed only in the case of PCs connected to the Commission's internal network, at locations where staff are represented by the Brussels Section of the Staff Committee (i.e. PCs installed in Commission offices or supplied to distance workers with a secure access).

Staff who will be away from their place of employment throughout the period covered by the elections and who are not certain that they will have access to electronic voting (e.g. from delegations in non-member countries) should apply for a postal ballot paper.

Electronic voting will be possible from **09:00 on 25th January 2022 until 23:59 on 27th January 2022** (Brussels time).

Irrespective of the place of employment of electors who are represented by the Brussels Local Staff Committee, postal votes must reach the Electoral Office **by 23:59 on 27th January 2022** (Brussels time).

2. Electors

The electoral roll was published on **29 September 2021** on MyIntraComm. It was also brought to the attention of the officials and other servants employed elsewhere than in Brussels.

Members of staff shall be entitled to vote if their name appears on the electoral roll and, on **16th September 2021**, they were:

- officials of the institution

or

• other servants¹ whose contract is for at least one year or for an indefinite period, and those whose contract is for less than one year, provided that, on the reference date (16/09/2021), they had been serving for six months or more,

and are serving in:

- a Commission department in Brussels;
- a representation in the European Union (but not in France or Luxembourg);
- the Veterinary Office in Grange (DG SANTE).

In this connection, the Electoral Office wishes to draw the staff's attention to Article 4 of the Electoral Rules, which states that: "*objections concerning the electoral roll shall be lodged in writing with the Director-General for Personnel and Administration no later than eight working days after the electoral roll is published*".

The electoral roll was published on 29th September 2021, as a consequence of which the deadline for lodging an objection was 11th October 2021.

Objections, if any, had to be lodged using only the operational mailbox "HR-ELECTION-CLP-Bxl-2021@ec.europa.eu".

The electoral roll will be completed, declared final, and published by the Administration within the period allowed under Article 4 of the Electoral Rules. The staff concerned will be allowed to cast their votes solely on that basis.

3. Voting procedure

Votes shall be cast:

- **either** by means of the specific program to which electors will have access via a professional PC connected to the Commission's internal network;
- **or** by postal vote (subject to the requirements set out at 4 below).

Votes may not be cast by any other means.

Voting: votes must be cast as follows:

A. **either a list vote** (i.e. a vote for a list): a mark (in the case of electronic voting) or a cross (in the case of a postal vote) should be placed in the box beneath the number and abbreviation of the list chosen;

¹ Cf. Article 7 of the Conditions of Employment: temporary staff, auxiliary staff, contract staff and local staff.

B. **or preference vote (i.e.** a vote for a maximum of 27 pairs of candidates (full members and alternates) chosen from one or more lists. A mark (in the case of electronic voting) or a cross (in the case of a postal vote) should be placed in the box opposite the names of each pair of candidates chosen, up to a maximum of 27 pairs of candidates.

Remarks:

A ballot paper or form bearing both a cross against a list (“list vote”) and one or more crosses against the names of candidates (“preference votes”) **on the same list** shall invariably be treated as a preference vote.

A ballot paper (i.e. a postal vote) bearing both a cross against a list (“list vote”) and one or more crosses against the names of candidates **on one or more other lists** shall be declared void. The electronic system does not allow the ballot form to be completed in this way.

4. Postal votes

Electors who, because they will be on mission, leaves, etc., will be unable to vote electronically on **25th, 26th and 27th January 2022** may, before **17:30 (Brussels time) on 14th January 2022**, submit to the Electoral Office (**L107 20/DCS** or **HR-ELECTION-CLP-Bxl-2021@ec.europa.eu**) a statement of reasons asking for a ballot paper to be sent to them **by mail or by internal mail**, to the personal or professional address which they indicate.

After being duly completed, the ballot papers must reach the Electoral Office (**L107 20/DCS**) no later than **23:59 (Brussels time) on 27th January 2022**.

Postal votes must be sent inside three envelopes.

- The innermost envelope (sealed) must contain the ballot paper and be unmarked. It will be placed in the ballot box provided for this purpose at the premises of the Electoral Office;
- The middle envelope must bear the personnel number, name and signature of the elector, and will be attached to the electoral roll;
- The outer envelope must bear the name and address of the Electoral Office: **L107 20/DCS**, European Commission, B 1049 Brussels.

Ballot papers bearing any writing, signature, erasure or mark other than as provided for at 3 above or completed using ink of a colour other than black or blue will be declared void.

If the elector votes via postal ballot paper and electronically, only the electronic vote will be taken into account.

5. Nomination of candidates

The candidatures for the second vote are the same than for the first vote of election for Brussels Local Staff Committee.

6. Actions or behaviour which may serve to disrupt the proper conduct of the elections

The Electoral Office would point out that any person who acts or behaves in a way which is likely to disrupt the proper conduct of the elections may be subject to the disciplinary proceedings applicable in the case of infringements of the provisions of Title II of the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union, without prejudice to any legal proceedings which may be brought in the light of the rules in regard to jurisdiction.

7. Further information

The Electoral Office reserves the right to communicate to the staff, by means of Administrative Notices, in particular via MyIntraComm and e-mails addressed to everyone, any additional information essential to the successful conduct of the elections.

For the Electoral office
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