



Dear EUROPARC members,

Many of you will recall that we had to cancel last year's election and have an online General Assembly. We were permitted to extend the existing mandate of current council and president, due to the Covid restrictions and emergency Verein regulation brought in, in Germany.

Little did we realise that conditions this year remain uncertain, however, regulations in Germany are now in place to not only allow an online General Assembly but online elections SHOULD THE NEED ARISE.

Therefore we are confident to open nomination for council members and President, for an election that will take place in the General Assembly on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021 EITHER in person at the EUROPARC conference in [Leeuwarden, Netherlands](#) or ONLINE.

The decision whether to go online or not will be taken in conjunction with our Dutch hosts in light of Covid restrictions and we will announce that decision to you.

**If the conference has to be cancelled or postponed or go online.... IT WILL NOT HOWEVER AFFECT THE ELECTION GOING AHEAD.**

If the general assembly and election do have to go online we will provide information about the online voting system and proxy voting closer to the time. But be assured you will be able to elect you a new council and president this year!

Please familiarise yourself with all the materials which are also placed in the members area of the EUROPARC website. This will explain the requirements needed for candidates for Council and president positions.

**Remember candidates must be nominated by another full member.** Full members are those whose membership conditions re up to date. IN order to VOTE in this election membership fees for 2021 must be paid by 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

All information needed from the nominator and the candidate are contained in the forms [EUROPARC 2021 Elections - Nomination Form for President](#) , [EUROPARC 2021 Elections - Nomination Form for Council](#), [EUROPARC 2021 Elections - Candidate Form for President](#) and [EUROPARC 2021 Elections - Candidate Form for Council](#).

All nominations and candidate information needs to be received by the EUROPARC office **by 30<sup>th</sup> of July** in order that these can be processed and disseminated to the full membership. The full schedule for the election can be found in the member's area of the website. To access the member's area, please use the following password: **memberseuroparc**

Best regards,

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