



DEAR CITIZENS OF OTHER EUROPEAN UNION MEMBER STATES,

In the Republic of Slovenia, elections of Members of the European Parliament from the Republic of Slovenia (hereinafter referred to as elections to the European Parliament) will be held **on Sunday, 25 May 2014**.

The legal bases for the European Parliament elections are the Council Directive 93/109/EC of 6 December 1993 laying down detailed arrangements for the exercise of the right to vote and stand as a candidate in elections to the European Parliament for citizens of the Union residing in a Member State of which they are not nationals, Election of Slovenian Members to the European Parliament Act and the Voting Rights Register Act.

According to the legislation you can take part in the European Parliament elections if you are a national of any European Union Member State and if you meet certain requirements.

HOW TO VOTE IN THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

If you are a national of one of the other EU Member States, and have permanent or temporary residence in the Republic of Slovenia, you must meet the following requirements:

1. Age and the Right to Vote

In the Republic of Slovenia, any person who is 18 years of age or older on the polling day is entitled to vote.

As a national of one of the other EU Member States you can vote in the European Parliament election **unless you have been stripped of the right to vote in your country**.

2. Permanent or Temporary Residence

You must have your **permanent or temporary residence registered** on the territory of the Republic of Slovenia, on the basis of a valid residence registration certificate or permanent residence permit. You are also obliged to report any change to your permanent or temporary residence address within the Republic of Slovenia to any administrative unit.

3. Request for Entry into Electoral Register

You are entered in the European Parliament electoral register **upon a request**. The request for entry may be filed in person or sent by post at **any time, to the Ministry of the Interior, Štefanova 2, 1000 Ljubljana**. The request form is enclosed to this brochure.

The request must contain the following **information**:

- surname and name,
- personal registration number (EMŠO) or date of birth and sex if EMŠO has not been assigned,
- citizenship,
- permanent residence or temporary residence in the Republic of Slovenia,
- residence abroad
- information on the country and place or constituency where you were last entered in the electoral roll,
- signed statement that you were not stripped of the right to vote
- signed statement that you will exercise your right to vote in the EP elections in Slovenia.

When submitting the request, you have to prove:

- your identity (with a photocopy of your passport or another valid identity document), and
- citizenship (with a photocopy of your passport or citizenship certificate or birth certificate if it is valid as a citizenship certificate in your country, or with a photocopy of another identity document proving your citizenship).

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

The Ministry of the Interior will examine your request for entry into the European Parliament electoral register and verify the status of your right to vote in your country of origin.

Upon receiving confirmation that you have the right to vote you will be entered into the electoral register in the Republic of Slovenia, of which you will be expressly notified, as will be the Member State where you were last entered in the electoral register, for with the entry into the Slovenian electoral register your right to vote in the European Parliament election in another Member State shall cease.

If your request for entry into the electoral register in the Republic of Slovenia is refused, the Ministry of the Interior will issue a refusal decision, against which there are appropriate legal remedies available.

Your name will remain in the European Parliament electoral register until you request your name to be removed from it or until another country notifies the competent Slovenian body that you have requested to be entered into the electoral register there. The condition for entry into the electoral register in the Republic of Slovenia shall automatically cease when you stop residing in the Republic of Slovenia or if you no longer have the citizenship of a European Union Member State.

STANDING FOR ELECTIONS AND CANDIDACY PROCEDURE

The Members of the European Parliament from the Republic of Slovenia are elected using the proportional electoral system with a possibility of a preferential vote. The territory of the Republic of Slovenia represents one constituency.

Candidates for MEPs may be nominated by political parties and electors, and each list may contain up to as many candidates as they are elected in the Republic of Slovenia, i.e. eight.

If you decide to stand for the European Parliament elections in the Republic of Slovenia, you must enclose to your candidacy declaration a citizenship statement, the permanent or temporary residence address in the Republic of Slovenia and a statement that you are not standing for European Parliament elections in any other Member State.

Candidacies have to be submitted to the National Election Commission on the thirtieth day before polling day at the latest, i.e. 25 April 2014 by midnight. The National Election Commission will notify the appropriate bodies of other countries about the candidacy of their citizens standing for European Parliament elections in the Republic of Slovenia.

The candidacy procedure and determining the elections results are governed more in detail in the Election of Slovenian Members to the European Parliament Act, which can be looked up at the website of the Ministry of the Interior or the National Election Commission.

IMPORTANT!

Please complete in block letters. It is necessary to provide all the required data as otherwise it will be more difficult for us to notify your country of your entry into the electoral register in the Republic of Slovenia.

PLEASE SEND THE COMPLETED FORM TO THE ADDRESS: Ministry of the Interior, Štefanova 2, 1000 Ljubljana.

REQUEST FOR ENTRY INTO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ELECTORAL REGISTER

SURNAME _____ NAME _____
MAIDEN NAME _____ PERSONAL REGISTRATION NUMBER (EMŠO) _____
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH _____ CITIZENSHIP _____ SEX M / F

PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY RESIDENCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA:

TOWN _____ STREET AND HOUSE NUMBER _____
POSTCODE AND AREA _____

LAST RESIDENCE IN ANOTHER EU MEMBER STATE

STREET AND HOUSE NUMBER _____ TOWN, MUNICIPALITY _____
COUNTRY _____ ELECTORAL DISTRICT or AREA OF THE LAST ENTRY INTO ELECTORAL REGISTER _____

I ENCLOSE (circle as appropriate):

- proof of citizenship (passport photocopy, citizenship certificate, other) _____)
- proof of identity (passport photocopy, identity card photocopy, other) _____)

I, the undersigned, allow the use of submitted data for the needs of data exchange between the competent bodies of the Republic of Slovenia and the country of my last entry in the electoral register.

Date _____

(signature)

STATEMENT

I, the undersigned, _____ born on _____ in _____
(born in)

(place, country) citizen of _____ (country)

d e c l a r e,

that I have not been stripped of the right to vote in my home country.

Date _____

(signature)

d e c l a r e,

that I will exercise my right to vote in the European Parliament election in the Republic of Slovenia.

Date _____

(signature)