

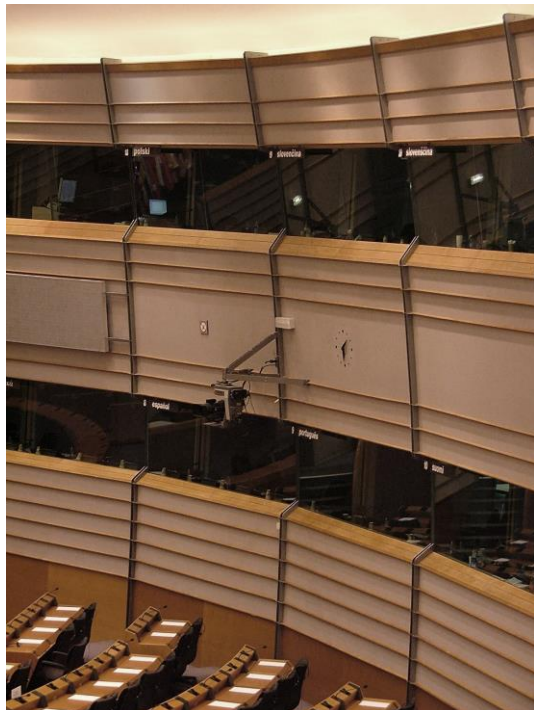
European Parliament elections – the impact on universities

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What institution are we voting for?



What can the European Parliament do?

- **The European Parliament approves a lot; it can propose relatively little**

No formal proposal of new rules

- **Constitutional setup**

Works together with the member states in the Council and Commission

What does this boil down to for universities?

Budget



The Parliament has traditionally been a friend of spending – outdoing the Commission and Council in research and education

- 120 Billion for Horizon Europe
- 46 Billion for Erasmus

Large majorities have supported this in the present Parliament

- Erasmus popular from left to right
- Cross-cutting understanding that investments in research and innovation are necessary

Regulation



Marc Dossman/European Union
2019

Education is a national competence, the EU can support but not regulate

Regulation is traditionally not a tool for research policy

The rules for the programmes (Horizon, Erasmus and others)

- Largely done by present parliament

Regulation that affect universities

- For example the Copyright Directive battle of the last years
- Rules about technology, state-aid etc.

‘Symbolic’ action and accountability

Image from Erasmus+ funded Academic Refugee Project MOOC, 'Dangerous Questions: Why Academic Freedom Matters'

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
DATE: 28TH NOVEMBER
TIME: 8:30 - 10:30
VENUE: A3G3

IDEAS ARE NOT CRIMES

DEFENDING ACADEMIC FREEDOM &
PROTECTING SCHOLARS

Wajid Khan MEP invites you to roundtable discussion &
Launch of **Scholars at Risk Europe**

SCHOLARS AT RISK NETWORK
protection advocacy learning

Event hosted by:

S&D Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists & Democrats in the European Parliament

The Parliament can put issues on the agenda

- Resolutions about for example academic freedom
- Public hearings and events
- Questions to Commissioners

”What is done to ensure disadvantaged students take part in Erasmus?”

”What is done to reduce error rates in Horizon 2020?”

Evaluation of programmes

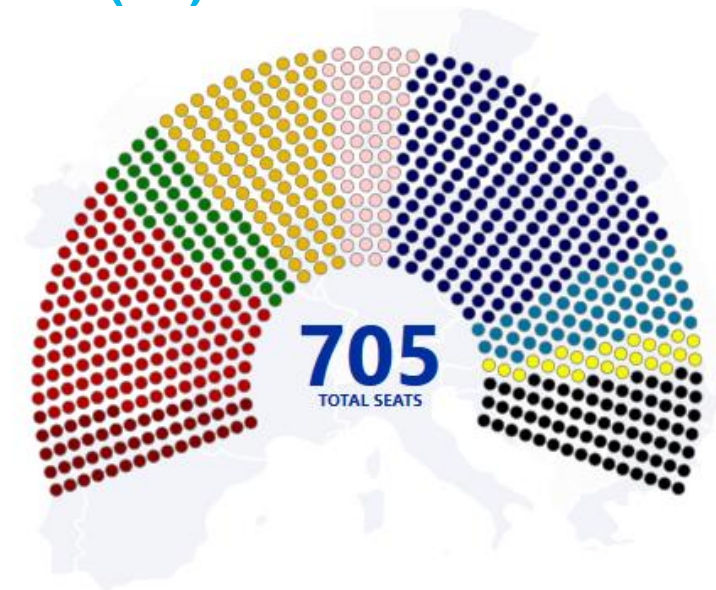
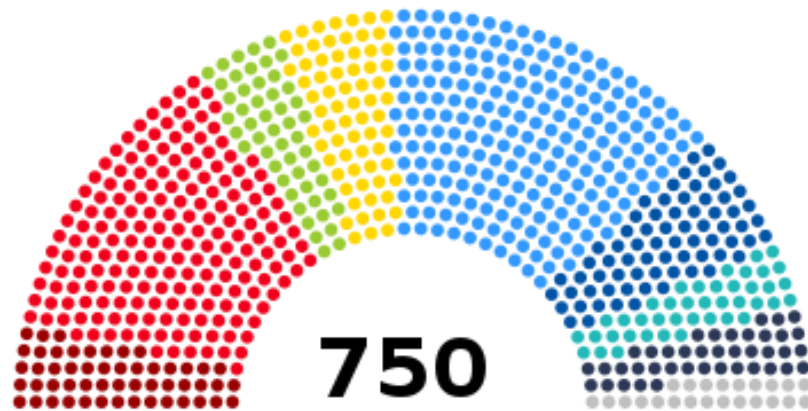
- Interim evaluations (important, but not a legal document)

Approves the Commission

The crystal ball

What will be new about the new European Parliament?

- No 'grand coalition' between conservatives and social democrats
- More Eurosceptics
- ... But what will they vote (on)?



*Seats by group today (Wikimedia)
and projection 2 May 2019
(Politico)*

Thank you for your attention

