



RULES FOR THE POPULAR VOTE

GENERAL INFORMATION

The purpose of the elections of the futurEU Competition 2024 is to determine who, among the participating teams, developed the most convincing ideas on how to reform the EU. The prompt of the competition asked participants to imagine being a candidate for the 2024 European elections. The elections of the futurEU Competition 2024 are now an opportunity for participants to campaign and pitch their ideas to potential voters – just like candidates for the 2024 European elections must do.

ELECTION DISTRICTS

There will be eight election districts, each conducting its own, separate election. All participating teams will be assigned to one of these election districts, ensuring that all teams compete against an approximately equal number of other teams. Participants will be notified of what election district they have been assigned to as soon as possible after the submission deadline on March 3rd.

WINNERS

The three teams with the most votes per election district will move on to the next stage, in which judges will evaluate their submissions and choose one winner per election district. The resulting eight winners will be the semi-finalists, who will have a chance to win the futurEU Competition 2024. In case there are two teams in an election district that have both received the third-most votes in their district (a tie), both teams will move on to the next stage. In this case, judges will evaluate four submissions for this particular election district but will still only choose one winner.



CAMPAIGNING

To support participating teams in their campaigning efforts, the futurEU Team will post each team's short video or infographic on Instagram. These will be posted as Stories and then saved in the "Highlights" section of the futurEU Instagram page (@futureu_initiative). Each election district will have its own Highlight and the last story will contain a link to the voting form. Should teams want to additionally share their written campaign proposal with potential voters, it is each team's own responsibility to do so.

ELECTORATE

As the stories will be made public on the futurEU Instagram page (@futureu_initiative), anyone who has access to the Instagram page and has a valid email address is allowed to vote. The election will be promoted in different platforms by the futurEU Team, but it is ultimately up to the participants team to be sure to promote the voting among their peers and acquaintances.

BALLOTS

Each person will vote through the Google Form which will be linked in the last story posted in the Highlight of the specific election district. Each person can use the form only once and has 3 possible votes.

TIMELINE

As aforementioned, the composition of each election district will be communicated as soon as possible after the deadline for submissions on March 3rd. The elections will happen for one district at a time and each election for a specific district will be open for 24 hours. After the end of the 24 hours, the Google Form will be blocked but the Highlights will remain available on the Instagram page.

- **ELECTION DISTRICT 1: 9am 7 March to 9am 8 March**
- **ELECTION DISTRICT 2: 9am 8 March to 9am 9 March**
- **ELECTION DISTRICT 3: 9am 9 March to 9pm 10 March**
- **ELECTION DISTRICT 4: 9am 10 March to 9am 11 March**
- **ELECTION DISTRICT 5: 9am 11 March to 9am 12 March**
- **ELECTION DISTRICT 6: 9am 12 March to 9am 13 March**
- **ELECTION DISTRICT 7: 9am 13 March to 9am 14 March**
- **ELECTION DISTRICT 8: 9am 14 March to 9am 15 March**