



1<sup>st</sup> March 2014

## Summary of decisions of the 1<sup>st</sup> PES Election Congress

### 1. Election Congress organization

- **Confirmation of voting rights:** Out of 407 potential mandates, as presented in Annex 1 of the rules of procedure, 405 were considered valid, following the recommendation from PES Presidency on 28<sup>st</sup> February 2014, based on Articles 21.4, 25 and 43.4 of PES Statutes.
- The Congress unanimously adopted the following **Election Congress agenda:**
  - Adoption of the PES Manifesto for EU elections
  - Election of PES common candidate for European Commission President
- The Congress unanimously adopted the **Rules of procedures** (Annex 1).
- Ruairi Quinn (LP Ireland) was unanimously elected **Election Congress chair**.

Said El Khadraoui (sp.a Belgium), Maria Panagiotou (PASOK Greece), Tanja Fajon (SD Slovenia) and José Antonio Espejo (PSOE Spain) were unanimously elected **Election Congress tellers**.

### 2. Adoption of PES Manifesto

The [PES Manifesto 'Towards a new Europe'](#) was unanimously adopted.

### 3. Election of PES common candidate for European Commission President

Martin Schulz (SPD Germany) was the only candidate, as validated by the PES Presidency on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

He was elected as PES common candidate for Commission President by the Election Congress with 91,1% in favour, 0,5% against and 8,4% abstention.



## **Rules of procedure**

**adopted by the PES Election Congress 2014, Rome, on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014**

### **Introduction**

These rules are based on the PES Statutes currently in force, adopted at the 9<sup>th</sup> PES Congress in Brussels on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

### **Composition of the Election Congress**

#### **Article 1**

The number of Election Congress delegates, nominated in accordance with both articles 21 and 25 of the PES Statutes, are listed in Annex 1 (delegates with voting rights) and in Annex 2 (other delegates) of the Rules of Procedure.

The list of other parties, organisations and individuals invited to the Congress, adopted by the Presidency in accordance with articles 21.6 and 25 of the PES Statutes, is available at the Election Congress Secretariat.

Registered PES Activists are invited to the Election Congress, in their own capacity.. In this quality, they may attend plenary sessions without the right to speak or to vote.

#### **Article 2**

In accordance with article 43.4, member of the PES are not entitled to vote or take part in the Election Congress if they have not paid their annual membership fees.

In accordance with articles 21.4 and 25 of PES Statutes, PES members' delegation should be gender-balanced, i.e. there should not be more than a difference of 1 delegate between the two genders. If a delegation does not respect this rule, its vote to the Election Congress will be reduced proportionally.

### **Powers of the Election Congress**

#### **Article 3**

In accordance with article 24 of the PES Statutes, the Election Congress shall:

- elect the PES common Candidate to the European Commission Presidency, through an open, transparent and democratic competitive process.
- adopt the PES Manifesto for the European elections.

#### **Article 4**

In accordance with article 11 of the PES Statutes, full member delegates have the right of expression, the right of initiative and the right to vote. Associate member delegates have the right of expression and the right of initiative. Observer member delegates have the right of expression.



In accordance with article 24.2, full and associate members may present proposals to, and speak of these before the Election Congress

#### **Article 5**

Given the nature of the Election Congress, speaking time will be strictly limited.

### **Conduct of the Congress**

#### **Article 6**

The President, the Secretary General or the Election Congress Chair announces the start and the end of the Congress.

#### **Article 7**

Following a Presidency proposal, the Election Congress elects the Election Congress Chair.

The Election Congress debates are managed by the Election Congress Chair. The Election Congress Chair makes recommendations to the Election Congress on the procedure for decision-making debates and votes. These recommendations require simple majority.

Following a Presidency proposal, the Election Congress elects 4 tellers, from different member parties, by simple majority. The Election Congress tellers are responsible for counting the votes.

### **Decisions and votes by the Election Congress**

#### **Article 8**

In accordance with article 19.5 of the PES Statutes, the quorum for votes requires two thirds of full member parties to be present.

Any request for a quorum must be made by 25 percent of full member parties. In the event that a quorum is requested and not met, the Election Congress Chair shall declare that the vote cannot take place.

#### **Article 9**

In accordance with article 19.3 of the PES Statutes, political decisions shall, whenever possible, be taken on the basis of consensus. If a consensus cannot be reached, they shall be taken on the basis of qualified majority.

According to article 19.5, qualified majority requires 50% of weighted votes cast. The allocation of votes for a qualified majority per party and per organisation is equal to that party and organisation's number of delegates to the PES Election Congress.

#### **Article 10**



In accordance with article 19.7 of the PES Statutes, a full member party may declare that it is not bound by a political decision taken by qualified majority, provided it expresses the intent before the vote is taken.

#### **Article 11**

Amendments shall have priority over the text to which they relate and shall be put to the vote before the text.

If two or more amendments have been tabled to the same part of a text, the amendment that departs furthest from the original text shall have priority and shall be put to the vote first. If it is adopted the other amendments shall fall. If it is rejected, the amendment next in priority shall be put to the vote and similarly for each of the remaining amendments.

#### **Article 12**

In accordance with article 19.5 of the PES Statutes, votes are cast per member party and organisation.

The Congress Chair shall call for a show of hands. If the result is unclear the Chair shall make a roll call per party.

#### **Article 14**

Rules concerning voting procedures:

- (1) Election of the PES Common Candidate: by simple majority;
- (2) Adoption of the PES Manifesto for the European Elections: by simple majority;

#### **Article 15**

The vote for the PES Common Candidate shall be cast by secret ballot.

Voting will start at 10.15 and close at 12.00 on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014

Individual ballot papers will be distributed to the Heads of voting delegations, or their representatives, who will organise the vote inside their delegations and cast the vote on behalf of their full delegation.

#### **Article 16**

The vote for the PES Manifesto shall be taken by a show of hands. The Congress Chair calling the vote should clearly state the vote, ask for votes in favour, votes against, abstentions, and then state the result so it can be recorded in the Congress minutes.

When the result is unclear, the Chair should request a roll call count by the Tellers.

#### **Procedural Motions**

#### **Article 17**

Any delegate may be allowed to speak to draw the attention to any failure to respect the Election Congress Rules of Procedure (Point of order). The delegate shall first specify to which rule s/he is referring.

A request to raise a point of order shall take precedence over all other requests to speak. Speaking time shall be one minute. An immediate decision on a point of order



shall be taken, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, and shall be announced that decision once a point of order has been raised.

### **Election Congress decisions**

#### **Article 18**

In accordance with article 27 of the PES Statutes, the decisions and the Manifesto adopted by the Election Congress shall be communicated to members of the PES and shall be published on the PES Website.



**Delegates with voting rights<sup>1</sup>**

Party / organisation	Number of Election Congress delegates <sup>2</sup>	Presidency members	Election Congress delegates + Presidency members
Austria SPÖ	8	1	9
Belgium PS	6	1	7
Belgium sp.a	3	1	4
Bulgaria BSP	5	1	6
Cyprus EDEK	1	1	2
Croatia SDP	7	1	8
Czech Republic CSSD	9	1	10
Denmark SD	5	1	6
Estonia SDE	2	1	3
Finland SDP	4	1	5
France PS	40	1	41
Germany SPD	34	1	35
Greece PASOK	6	1	7
Hungary MSzP	5	1	6
Hungary MSzDP	0	1	1
Ireland Labour	4	1	5
Italy PD	41	1	42

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<sup>1</sup> PES Statutes

Article 25 – The composition of the Election Congress shall follow the rules laid down in Article 21

Article 21.1 – The PES Congress shall consist of the following delegates with voting rights:

- Representatives from full member parties, with the following calculation: 1/45<sup>th</sup> of weighted votes as defined in article 19.6 rounded upwards
- A representative from each national delegation of the Group in the EP
- Two representatives from each other full member organisation
- The members of the PES Presidency

<sup>2</sup> As stated in the PES Standing Orders



Italy PSI	1	1	<b>2</b>
Lithuania LSDP	5	1	<b>6</b>
Luxemburg LSAP	2	1	<b>3</b>
Malta PL	4	1	<b>5</b>
Netherlands PvdA	9	1	<b>10</b>
Norway	6	1	<b>7</b>
Poland SLD	7	1	<b>8</b>
Poland UP	1	1	<b>2</b>
Portugal PS	11	1	<b>12</b>
Romania PSD	16	1	<b>17</b>
Slovakia SMER	10	1	<b>11</b>
Slovenia SD	2	1	<b>3</b>
Spain PSOE	33	1	<b>34</b>
Sweden SAP	9	1	<b>10</b>
UK Labour	30	1	<b>31</b>
Northern Ireland SDLP	1	1	<b>2</b>
S&D Group in the EP	28	1	<b>29</b>
PES Group in the CoR	2	1	<b>3</b>
YES	2	1	<b>3</b>
PES Women	2	1	<b>3</b>
FEPS	2	1	<b>3</b>
PES President		1	<b>1</b>
PES Vice-Presidents		4	<b>4</b>
PES Secretary General		1	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>407</b>



**Delegates without voting rights<sup>3</sup>**

<b>Party / organisation</b>	<b>Election delegates without voting rights</b>	<b>Congress without</b>
S&D Group in the EP	166	
PES Group in the CoR	125	
FEPS	13	
PES Women	16	
YES	49	
PS Albania	5	
SDP Bosnia & Herzegovina	5	
pBS Bulgaria	5	
SDUM FYR of Macedonia	5	
Samfylkingin Iceland	5	
DPS Montenegro	5	
SDP Montenegro	5	
DS Serbia	5	
PS Switzerland	5	
BDP Turkey	5	
CHP Turkey	5	
Socialist International	5	
Socialist group in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe	5	
Socialist group in the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE	5	
PSD Andorra	2	
CTP Cyprus	2	

<sup>3</sup> PES Statutes

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Article 21.2 – The PES Congress shall also consist of the following delegates without voting rights:

- All members of its political groups in the EP and in the CoR not covered by article 21.1.
- Bureau members of other full member organisations
- 5 delegates from each associate members
- 2 from observer members
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Labour Party Israel	2
Meretz-Yachad Israel	2
LSDSP Latvia	2
SDPS Latvia	2
DP Moldova	2
Fatah Palestine	2
PSD San Marino	2
FDTL – Ettakatol Tunisia	2
ESDP Egypt	2
USFP Morocco	2
EFDS	2
ESO	2
IFM-SEI	2
ISDUE	2
IUSY	2
SAMAK	2
Rainbow Rose	2
SIW	2
USLRRE	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>481</b>

#### **Ex-officio delegates without voting rights<sup>4</sup>**

President of the European Parliament	1
European Commissioners	6
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President of the Committee of the Regions	1
President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE	1
President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>

<sup>4</sup> PES Statutes

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Article 21.5 – The following are also ex-officio delegates, without the right to vote:

- The President of the European Parliament, if he/she is a PES member
- PES members of the European Commission
- The President of the European Council, if he/she is a PES member
- The President of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President of the Committee of the Regions, if he/she is a PES member
- The President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, if he/she is a PES member
- The President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE, if he/she is a PES member
- The President of the European Security and Defence Assembly, if he/she is a PES member
- The President of NATO Parliamentary Assembly, if he/she is a PES member

