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The attached table provides a brief overview of some of the findings in the more extensive report

DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS OF EUROPEAN EXPATRIATES

Comparative Study on the Electoral Regimes in the Country of Origin for European Expatriates and the Democratic Representation of their Interests, Rights and Obligations to the Country of Origin and to the European Parliament

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The table focuses on some of the issues discussed in the report, namely

Voting at National Elections i.e. the right for an expatriate citizen to vote for a national election in the country of origin

Voting by Mail selected for presentation in the table as this is felt to be the most convenient modality of voting for an expatriate as opposite to other modalities like voting by personal presentation at a voting station, voting by proxy, etc.

Represented in Parliament i.e. if the national parliament has seats for members representing the interests of the expatriate citizens

Parliament Committee i.e. if the national parliament has a standing committee catering for the interests of the expatriate citizens

Official Advisory Committee i.e. if there exists in the home country governmental structure an official committee elected (directly or indirectly) by the expatriate citizens and representing their interests

Voting for EP if outside EU i.e. has an expatriate citizen residing outside the European Union (EU) the right to vote for the elections to the European Parliament (EP

Note: For an expatriate citizen (a European citizen) residing within the EU is the voting right secured by the Treaty on the European Union.)

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Summary of a Comparative Study
on the Electoral Regimes for European Expatriates
and the Democratic Representation of their Interests

EU-Country	Voting at National Elections	Voting by Mail	Represented in Parliament	Parliament Committee	Official Advisory Committee	Voting for EP if outside EU
BE	A	A	C	C	C	C
DK	B¹	C	C	C	C	C
DE	A/B²	A	C	C	C	A/B²
EL	C	NR	C	A	C	C
ES	A	A	C	C	A	A
FR	A	C	A	C	A	A
IE	C	NR	C	C	C	C
IT	A	A	(A)	C	A	A
LU	A	A	C	C	C	C
NL	A	A	C	C	C	A
AT	A	C	C	C	C	C
PT	A	--	A	C	A	C
FI	A	C	C	C	(A)³	A
SE	A	A	C	C	C	A
UK	B	A	C	C	C	C

A = YES

B = YES, BUT WITH RESTRICTIONS

C = NO

NR = NOT RELEVANT

¹ with many restrictions

² if outside country of the Council of Europe

³ reference is made to an influential, but informal body