

## **CALL FOR PAPERS / PRESENTATIONS**

### **EUROPEAN ELECTIONS 2024**

#### **VOTER BEHAVIOUR, PARTY STRATEGIES, NEW MODES OF PARTICIPATION**

**17 – 18 OCTOBER 2024**

**ROME, VIMINALE**

Europe to reform, Europe to strengthen, Europe to limit. The positions expressed on the nature and future of the European Union became increasingly polarised among the different protagonists of the electoral competition. The 2024 European Elections were the first after the pandemic and took place in a historical phase characterised by violent international conflicts, such as the one in Ukraine on the doorstep of the European Union itself and the one in Gaza, which could have a lasting impact on EU politics and policies. This electoral round also saw the introduction of some novelties in the voting modalities in some Member States: in Greece the vote was extended to 17 years, in Italy electronic voting was experimented for Italians abroad, and the possibility of off-site voting for university students was introduced.

The 2024 European Elections are therefore a key event for interdisciplinary reflection and there are numerous possible dimensions of analysis: from electoral participation to the health of democracy in the EU; from relations between national and European parties to the formation of a majority in the European Parliament; from electoral strategies and the role of the media in the campaign to the voting behaviour of citizens between European and national issues.

Just a few months after the polls, a number of Standing groups of the Italian Association of Political Science (SISP), the Italian Association of Electoral Studies (SISE), together with ITANES (Italian National Election Studies) and the Italian Centre for Electoral Studies (CISE-LUISS), are organising a post-electoral conference, hosted by the Central Directorate for Electoral Services of the Ministry of the Interior, which aims to promote reflection on this important round.

Interested researchers, scholars, and representatives of institutions are invited to submit papers or presentations focusing on topics such as: participation in voting, including postal and non-resident voting; the construction of the political offer, party and candidate communication, party competition, voting behaviour, political leadership, electoral methodological aspects, dynamics between national and supranational levels, and influences on democratic processes and representation. Papers focusing on individual national cases or adopting a comparative European perspective are accepted.

The contributions, in the form of written papers or oral presentations, will be discussed on **17 and 18 October 2024** at the Press Room of the Ministry of the Interior, Palazzo Viminale, Piazza del Viminale 1.

Paper/presentation proposals (title, abstract of max. 500 words, author(s) and affiliations) should be sent **by 15 September** to [pope@sisp.it](mailto:pope@sisp.it).

Proposals in Italian and English will be accepted. More information for participants will be made available on the web and social pages of the associations involved.

Participation at the seminar is free. Accreditation is required for access to the Viminale venue. Participants in any capacity (including auditors) are requested to send an email (name, place, date of birth) by 1 October to [nicola.damelio@interno.it](mailto:nicola.damelio@interno.it).

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