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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS ACT 1999

EXPLANATORY NOTES

SUMMARY

How the Regional List System works

Worked Example

12. The following example shows how the seats would be allocated in a seven-member region. Three parties, A, B and C, put forward party lists and one independent stands as an individual candidate. One million votes are cast, 380,000 for Party A, 300,000 for Party B, 180,000 for Party C and 140,000 for the individual candidate.

Calculation

Stage 1

Party A (total)	380,000
Party B (total)	300,000
Party C (total)	180,000
Individual candidate	140,000

The first seat is allocated to the candidate at the top of the Party A list.

Stage 2

Party A (total divided by 2)	190,000
Party B (total)	300,000
Party C (total)	180,000
Individual candidate	140,000

The second seat is allocated to the candidate at the top of the Party B list.

Stage 3

Party A (total divided by 2)	190,000
Party B (total divided by 2)	150,000
Party C (total)	180,000
Individual candidate	140,000

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The third seat is allocated to the candidate in second place on the Party A list.

Stage 4

Party A (total divided by 3)	126,666
Party B (total divided by 2)	150,000
Party C (total)	180,000
Individual candidate	140,000

The fourth seat is allocated to the candidate at the top of the Party C list.

Stage 5

Party A (total divided by 3)	126,666
Party B (total divided by 2)	150,000
Party C (total divided by 2)	90,000
Individual candidate	140,000

The fifth seat is allocated to the candidate in second place on the Party B list.

Stage 6

Party A (total divided by 3)	126,666
Party B (total divided by 3)	100,000
Party C (total divided by 2)	90,000
Individual candidate	140,000

The sixth seat is allocated to the individual candidate.

Stage 7

Party A (total divided by 3)	126,666
Party B (total divided by 3)	100,000
Party C (total divided by 2)	90,000

The seventh seat is allocated to the candidate in third place on the Party A list.

13. The final result is that the seven seats are allocated as follows.

Party A (total)	380,000 votes # 3 seats
Party B (total)	300,000 votes # 2 seats
Party C (total)	180,000 votes # 1 seat
Individual candidate	140,000 votes # 1 seat