

## AFCO Debates

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An issue plaguing the European Union is the degree of apathy with which it is faced. Many Europeans aren't informed about the workings of the European Parliament—they may not take the time to vote; they may not even know who the candidates are or what they stand for. The Committee on Constitutional Affairs addressed this today with a few potential solutions. They suggested implementing an electoral system of voting, having each country vote on the same day, allowing people to vote for individuals regardless of their fraction, and perhaps beginning to establish a system for online voting. A more controversial point was the possibility of lowering the voting age to sixteen. A delegate from Belgium argued that young people this age were not mature enough to vote, but other delegates argued that it was not an issue of maturity but rather of education and of being properly informed. This amendment The delegate from Hungary argued that online voting made sense for our modern way of life, and that it would allow more people access to voting. An ammendment regulating the time each candidate could have on television and in newspapers was approved.