



## 10 Reasons why electing the President of Europe is a good Idea:

1. Cut costs, cut paperwork, cut bureaucracy:  
The EU has currently a nominated President of the Commission (executive), a President of Council (direction) and a rotating Presidency (direction). They all need to mediate and negotiate with each other and each one of them costs tens of millions of Euros (at least). A single, elected President could easily perform these functions.
2. A Single counterparty during negotiation with other countries:  
There is no point having a Union if China or Russia can just pick and choose who to negotiate with to get a deal with the EU. Lobby a large country, negotiate with the Commission or talk to the Council? A single point of contact strengthens our position with the rest of the World.
3. A single elected President is simple and transparent:  
Simple means you know who makes the decisions. Transparency is best tool against corruption as actions are more visible. A complex system is easier to cheat.
4. Europe belongs to you, it's time to take ownership:  
As a Europe citizen, all European institutions are theoretically working on your behalf, why shouldn't you decide who leads it? Voting is empowering, and you feel closer if you are given the chance to decide. It means that once you're involved with choosing, you start caring, you start having a stake in the its success.
5. Excessive delegation means things get lost:  
Currently you elect your local member of Parliament, that then supports a government, the government negotiates with other governments what the commission will look like but will - at the same time -continue to lead Europe through the Council. Are you sure they remember what you have voted for? Would you rather decide for yourself, or do you want to delegate someone who delegates someone who delegates someone, who delegates someone to set the direction of Europe?
6. Europe is birthplace of Democracy, yet its democracy is deeply flawed.  
Democracy invented in Ancient Greece over 2000 years ago, human rights are also a European concept. The EU likes to teach other countries about democracy, yet its own system is deeply flawed. Let's stop this hypocrisy.
7. Because Unity can only come from the bottom (not just from the top):  
In order to compete globally we need to be United; but Unity requires legitimacy, speaking with one voice means you received a mandate form 500m citizens not from a few bureaucrats. Many people don't necessarily disagree with Europe's actions, but they hate the fact their voices are simply ignored. Voting means your voice matters.
8. Accountability: The President is accountable to you. If you like it, she/he gets another round. If you don't like it, after 5 years, you can fire her/him. The policies that work continue; the policies that don't work get voted out. Politicians care about who puts them in a position of power, if they owe their position to you (as a citizen), they will try to please you. If they are nominated by national governments or bureaucrats (current situation), then you won't be their priority.
9. Europe has a rich history, a heritage of leadership in many domains as well some dark moments. It is, however, about a long and sometimes violent struggle towards our ideals of Freedom and Democracy. The only way to protect our legacy is to build a new one. Bringing democracy to Brussels is a natural evolution of our past struggles.
10. It's about you: It's about your right to decide your own future, you are Europe.