

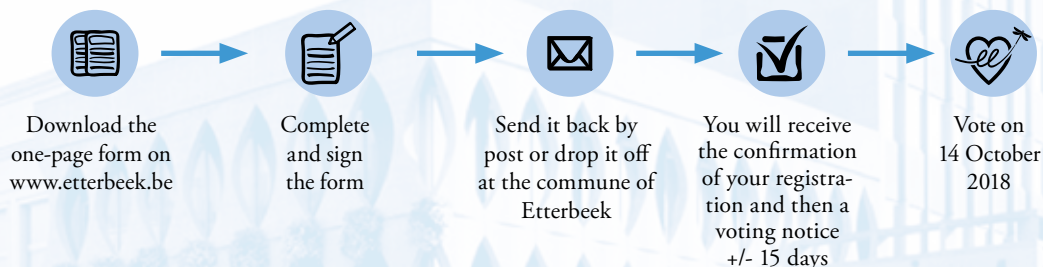


VOTING? NOTHING EASIER

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO BE ABLE TO VOTE?

- 18 years of age by 14 October 2018
- Registered in the commune of Etterbeek before 31 July 2018
- An EU citizen
- For non-Europeans: you must reside in Belgium for at least 5 years.
- Submit your form to sign up to vote no later than 31 July 2018

HOW TO SIGN UP TO VOTE?



FAQ

CAN SOMEONE ELSE TAKE MY REGISTRATION FORM TO THE COMMUNE? **YES**

AFTER THE ELECTIONS, CAN A NON-BELGIAN CITIZEN DE-REGISTER AS A VOTER? **OUI**

DO YOU HAVE TO REGISTER IF YOU HAVE ALREADY VOTED IN PREVIOUS LOCAL ELECTIONS? **NO**

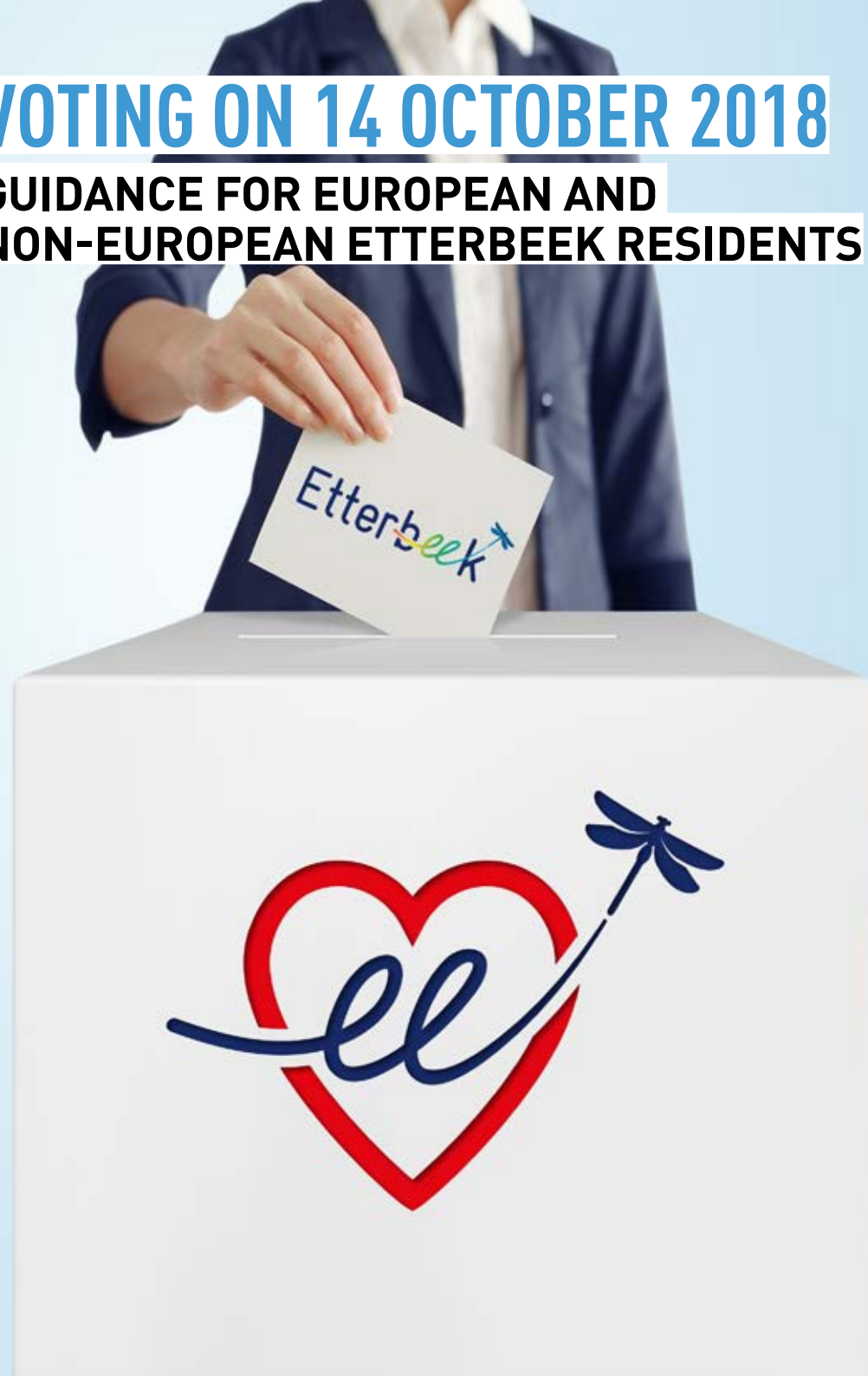
DO YOU LOSE YOUR VOTING RIGHTS IN YOUR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN IF YOU SIGN UP TO VOTE IN BELGIUM? **NO**

ONCE REGISTERED, IS VOTING OBLIGATORY? **YES**

CAN I GIVE A PROXY TO ANOTHER PERSON TO VOTE ON MY BEHALF? **YES**

VOTING ON 14 OCTOBER 2018

GUIDANCE FOR EUROPEAN AND NON-EUROPEAN ETTERBEEK RESIDENTS



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WHY VOTE ON LOCAL ELECTIONS?

On 14 October 2018, Etterbeek residents will go to the polls to elect the representatives of the next Municipal Council, the equivalent of the Parliament of Etterbeek. Neighbourhood planning, your children's education, access to sports and culture, safety and community life, all these issues and many more are at the heart of the debates between the representatives you will elect.

As a resident of Etterbeek, whatever your nationality, you can already take part in the decisions of your commune (or municipality) by contacting your elected representatives, taking part in the various initiatives for citizens' participation or by sending your own ideas via the online platform Flucicity.

But you can play an even larger role in the future of your commune by taking part in the local elections, a unique moment in your local democratic life!

Nearly a third of the population of Etterbeek is of French, Polish, Italian, Moroccan or Portuguese nationality but only 5% of these people exercise their right to vote.

That's why we have committed, throughout this spring and summer, to encourage all these Etterbeek residents, who represent hundreds of nationalities, to sign up to vote by 31 July! This leaflet explains how the commune is at the heart of your life and how to easily sign up as a voter.

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Christian Debaty
Municipal Secretary












Patrick Lenaers
Alderman

Vincent De Wolf
Mayor

THE COMMUNE AT THE CENTRE OF YOUR LIFE

THE COMMUNE IS THERE TO HELP YOU IN ALL STAGES OF YOUR LIFE!



- BIRTH OF YOUR CHILDREN**  Declaration of birth, identity card, birth allowance and reimbursement of washable diapers
- NURSERIES AND LOCAL SCHOOLS**  Registration of your children in establishments set up and run by the commune
- MARRIAGE**  Possibility of getting married in the city hall and broadcast the ceremony over the internet
- HOUSING POLICY**  Possibility to obtain social housing or access to affordable housing as well as premiums for owners who entrust the management of their properties to the commune
- WELFARE**  Access to food parcels and to social supermarkets, integration income and debt mediation
- SUPPORT TO SENIOR CITIZENS**  Activities and supports for senior citizens, intergenerational initiatives
- CIVIC PARTICIPATION**  Participatory budget, diagnosis in your neighbourhood, greening public spaces etc.
- ADMINISTRATIVE DOCUMENTS**  Registration in the commune, driving license, residence permit, household composition, etc.
- TOWN PLANNING**  Request for planning information, planning permission, energy saving grants, etc.
- SECURITY**  A local police station that welcomes you 24/7, contact with your neighbourhood officer, keeping public order, etc.
- PARKING MANAGEMENT**  Possibility of obtaining a free parking card as a resident