

Submission to the Electoral Commission on European Parliament Constituency Review 2023

By Email

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A Chara,

I have separately made a submission on the Dáil Constituencies for Dublin. I have also taken the time to review the European Parliament constituencies and enclose my suggestions below.

Given the directive for continuity, this is the closest to the national average that I have identified with the least amount of change. Wicklow becomes part of the Dublin constituency and Kildare moves to the South constituency. All are with 5% of the national average population per MEP.

There is no easy fix for Dublin. A case to be made for a wider five seat constituency in the greater Dublin area – Counties Dublin, Meath, Kildare and Wicklow. However this constituency would a variance of +5.44% compared to the national average and the other constituencies would then require major adjustment to rebalance the Dublin changes. Equally, a single national constituency for the European Parliament (similar to how our Presidential election operates), would eliminate the need for this type of redistricting in future and by aligned with the practice in other EU member states. This is however, beyond the scope of the current review.

I submit the below proposals to aid your decision making.

Is mise le meas,



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Section 1: Table of Changes & Map of Proposed European Parliament Constituencies

Constituency (Colour on map)	Proposed transfers of Counties	Proposed Number of Seats	Revised Constituency Population	Population per MEP	Variance from National Average
Dublin Or Dublin - Wicklow (Yellow)	From South: County Wicklow	4	1,606,186	401,547	+1.88%

Constituency (Colour on map)	Proposed transfers of Counties	Proposed Number of Seats	Revised Constituency Population	Population per MEP	Variance from National Average
South (Red)	<i>From Midlands-North- West:</i> County Kildare <i>See Dublin above</i>	5	2,010,858	402,172	+2.04%
Midlands-North- West (Blue)	<i>See South above.</i>	4	1,506,492	376,623	-4.44%

