



**Submission by the Labour Party to  
An Coimisiún Toghcháin on the  
review of European Parliament  
Constituencies.**

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The Labour Party in making this submission to An Coimisiún Toghcháin, the Electoral Commission for the review of European Parliament constituencies which is the same as submitted in May 2023 but updated to reflect the final population figures and the confirmed allocation of 14 seats.

## **1. European Parliament Constituencies**

As the Labour Party argued for Dáil constituencies, the Commission should retain the larger 5 and 4 seat constituencies and avoid 3 seat constituencies.

As Ireland has now been allocated 14 MEP seats, this provides for an average population of 367,796 people per MEP.

In this scenario Midlands North West should become a five seater and the counties of Laois and Offaly transferred from South, returning to the arrangement first recommended in the 2013 and 2017 report before the addition of two additional seats after Brexit, as recommended in the 2018 report.

<b>Revised EU Constituency (14 seat scenario)</b>	<b>Population 2022</b>	<b>Seats</b>	<b>Variance from national average population per MEP</b>
Dublin	1,458,154	4	-0.89%
Midlands North West (with Laois and Offaly)	1,831,741	5	-0.39%
South (minus Laois and Offaly)	1,859,244	5	+1.10%

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