**PRESS RELEASE**

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**BREXIT?**

**YES, WE NEED A COMPROMISE,**

**BUT YOU CAN’T BEST GET A COMPROMISE WITH BINARY VOTING!**

On complex matters in parliament or in a referendum, a two-option vote is usually inadequate, often inaccurate and invariably inappropriate. It is ancient, some 2,500 years old. It was first found to be unfit for purpose in ce 105, by Pliny the Younger. It is divisive, as was seen in the 2016 referendum. And at worst, it provokes violence: “All the wars in the former Yugoslavia started with a referendum,” to quote Sarajevo’s famous newspaper, *Oslobodjenje*, 7.2.1999.

Paradoxical as it may sound, a majority opinion cannot best be identified in a binary ballot if and when the question is complex and, therefore, multi-optional. In such scenarios, majority rule should be based on preferential voting – *Concise Dictionary of Politics*, oup, p 139.

**IT IS TIME FOR TO REFORM OUR DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURES:**

**ALLOW DECISIONS IN PARLIAMENT TO BE BASED ON**

**(ELECTRONIC) PREFERENTIAL VOTING…**

**WITH NO WHIPS.**

Once the collective will of parliament has been identified – the option with the highest average – all the mps should accept collective responsibility for the implementation of that policy. Like those of any other body charged with a single responsibility, members of parliament should work together.

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