

Motions

Motion number	26
Name of the person introducing the Motion to the GA	MAURO VAIANI Ph.D.
Member party	Patto per l'Autonomia – FVG Siciliani Liberi OraToscana Rumâgna Unida
Title (of the Motion)	EFA against presidentialism
<p>Text of the motion: (In English; Maximum 600 words)</p> <p>Florence, 25 March 2025</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EFA, a family of diversities, needs to launch bridges of hope even further, for solidarity, subsidiarity, democracy in Europe. 2. It is up to EFA to connect with many other independent voters, civic movements, local and territorial leaders, sharing a critique of presidentialism in the states, in the Union, in the world, along with all concentrations of political power, and centralism in all its versions. 3. EFA should be critical of presidentialism, precisely because we have come to be wary of leaders' direct election failures in large centralist states. 4. Media dominated political campaigns have degenerated in mediocracy: candidates can emerge only if supported by opaque concentrations of power and riches. Leaders' direct election in large constituencies are in fact mediatic "plebiscites", a travesty of democracy, not a real expression of bottom-up political processes. 5. Leaders' direct election leads to vitriolic polarization, populism, extremism. Minorities, innovators, mavericks, independent candidates, local leaders are marginalized. 6. Presidentialism is put in discussion in many large states (not only but also because many presidents, once elected, have become immovable tyrants) in Africa, North America, Latin America, Asia. 7. In Europe, too, we do not need an elected "Napoleon". EFA should remain critical of the prospect of a "direct election" of an European "president", and stand in support of parliamentarism in all levels of governments. 	

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