

# Out in the cold? Political Participation and Representation of Emigrants

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## Abstract

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With more citizens living and working outside of their home country for several years of their lives and new technologies making it ever easier for emigrants to participate in the homeland politics, the topic of emigrant voting is highly relevant. While, a growing number of countries have enfranchised their emigrant citizens, the conditions for the exercise of electoral rights vary widely. There are often specific restrictions to this entitlement, as different legal, technical, operational and administrative barriers may restrict the ability to vote from abroad. At the same time, it should be acknowledged political participation is not limited to voting and that emigrants can participate in politics outside their home countries through a multitude of other means (e.g. boycotts, protests). The aim of this panel is to examine tools and practices that can vitalize democratic political systems by strengthening political engagement (from) abroad.

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