**Appendix 1. Main characteristics of external voting systems in included countries.**

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| **Country** | **Type of election**  | **Voting method** | **Special representation** | **Year of implementation.** | **Year offirst election for emigrants.**  | **Estimated Population abroad as share of the population[[1]](#endnote-1)** **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****Registered voters abroad as share of overall numbers of voters in election/country.** | **Turnout Abroad (last election)** |
| Austria | Presidential, Legislative,Referendum | Postal | No | 1990 | 1990 | 6.71% \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_0.95%  | Not available |
| Belgium | Legislative | Mixed (personal, postal, proxy, in-country) | No | 1998 | 1999 | 4.92% \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_1.62%  | 10.59%[[2]](#endnote-2) |
| Denmark[[3]](#endnote-3) | No external voting | n/a | No | n/a | n/a | 4.57%  | n/a |
| France | Presidential, Legislative, Referendum | Mixed (personal, postal, proxy, electronic) | Yes11 Senators (Since 2008) | 1976 | 1978 | 3.4% \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_2.66%  | 44.28% (1st Round)45.84% (2nd Round) [[4]](#endnote-4) |
| Germany | Legislative | Postal | No | 1985 | 1987 (1990 in unified Germany). | 5.12% \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_0.88%  | Not available[[5]](#endnote-5) |
| Ireland[[6]](#endnote-6) | No external voting | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 16.84%  | n/a |
| Italy | Legislative, Referendum | Postal | Yes6 Senators, 12 Deputies(Since 2006) | 2003 | 2006 | 5.10% \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_8.34%  | 29.84%[[7]](#endnote-7) |
| The Netherlands | Legislative,Referendum,  | Mixed (postal, proxy, in-country) | No | 1989 | 1994 | 5.96%\_\_\_\_\_\_\_0.63%  | 88.05%[[8]](#endnote-8) |
| Portugal  | Presidential, legislative, referendums | Personal [[9]](#endnote-9) | Yes4 Members of Parliament (since 1976) | 1976 | 1976 | 21.94% 3.09% | 4.69[[10]](#endnote-10) |
| Spain | Legislative (national + regional) | Mixed (personal, postal, fax, electronic) | No | 1985 | 1986 | 2.90% 5.56%  | 6.30%[[11]](#endnote-11) |
| Sweden | Legislative, referendum | Mixed (personal, postal) | No | 1968 | 1968  | 3.51% 2.27%  | Not available |
| Switzerland | Legislative (national and partly regional), referendums | Postal, electronic | No | 1989 | 1991 | 7.98% 1.93%[[12]](#endnote-12) | 25.75% |
| United Kingdom | Legislative | Mixed (postal, proxy) | No | 1985 | 1987 | 7.44% of the Population Abroad0.61% of the Electorate Abroad | not available |

Own elaboration based on <http://globalcit.eu/>; <https://www.idea.int/data-tools/data/voting-abroad> and national electoral statistical sources and information on voting rights as detailed below.

1. UN Population Data 2017 (foreign born only, so includes only first generation and those under 18 years). http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/population/migration/data/estimates2/estimates17.asp [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. <http://elections2014.belgium.be/fr/cha/preferred/preferred_top.html> [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
3. Denmark only allows external voting for citizens residing abroad less than 2 years or those who work in the foreign service, international organizations. Source: <https://valg.oim.dk/vaelgere/udlandsdanskeres-valgret/> [↑](#endnote-ref-3)
4. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/services-aux-citoyens/droit-de-vote-et-elections-a-l-etranger/vote-electronique/>. Implemented in 1976, first elections to follow in 1978 (legislative), and 1981 (presidential). <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/services-aux-citoyens/droit-de-vote-et-elections-a-l-etranger/resultats-des-elections/> [↑](#endnote-ref-4)
5. <https://www.bundeswahlleiter.de/dam/jcr/56147bb4-c149-4faa-a9b0-9a3d98e8bf7b/btw17_heft5-1.pdf>. [↑](#endnote-ref-5)
6. Ireland only allows external voting rights for diplomats and military personnel. [↑](#endnote-ref-6)
7. <https://elezionistorico.interno.gov.it/index.php> [↑](#endnote-ref-7)
8. <https://www.kiesraad.nl/adviezen-en-publicaties/rapporten/2017/3/kerngegevens-tweede-kamerverkiezing-2017/kerngegevens-tweede-kamerverkiezing-2017> ; Turnout is relatively high as is based on postal voters only given that there is no information available for proxy voters and returnees. [↑](#endnote-ref-8)
9. <http://www.cne.pt/faq2/113/2> [↑](#endnote-ref-9)
10. <https://www.eleicoes.mai.gov.pt/presidenciais2016/resultados-globais.html> [↑](#endnote-ref-10)
11. <http://www.ine.es/dynt3/inebase/es/index.htm?type=pcaxis&path=/t44/p09/a2015_2&file=pcaxis&dh=0&capsel=0> [↑](#endnote-ref-11)
12. Information only available for 12/26 Cantons which is home to 65% of the whole population. : <https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/de/home/statistiken/kataloge-datenbanken/daten.assetdetail.265519.html> [↑](#endnote-ref-12)