

Options for reform

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The Alternative Vote

- **Avoids problems of ‘Two round’ elections and of the Supplementary Vote;**
- **Favoured by many politicians opposed to PR**
- **But not a proportional system**

Electoral Systems

- **Plurality / majoritarian**
- **List systems**
- **Additional member / mixed / hybrid**
- **Single transferable vote**

SINGLE-MEMBER CONSTITUENCY SYSTEMS

A map of Europe with a light purple background. The map shows the outlines of countries and their internal constituency boundaries. The text 'SINGLE-MEMBER CONSTITUENCY SYSTEMS' is centered at the top. 'FPTP' is written in purple over the United Kingdom, and 'Two Round' is written in purple over France.

FPTP

**Two
Round**

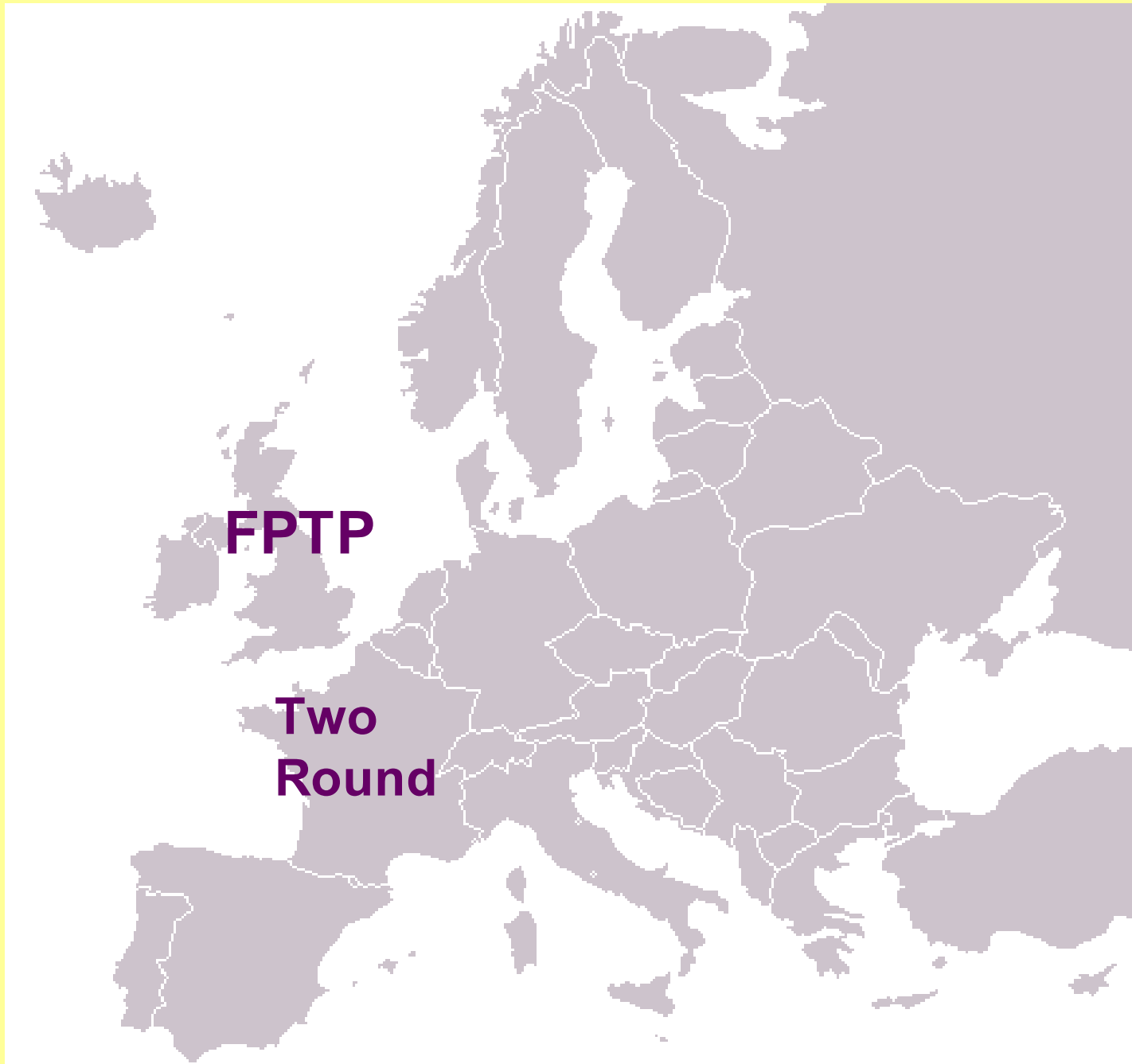
French Presidential Election

Round 1

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| Chirac | 19.8% |
| Le Pen | 16.9% |
| Jospin | 16.1% |
| Others | 52.8% |

List systems

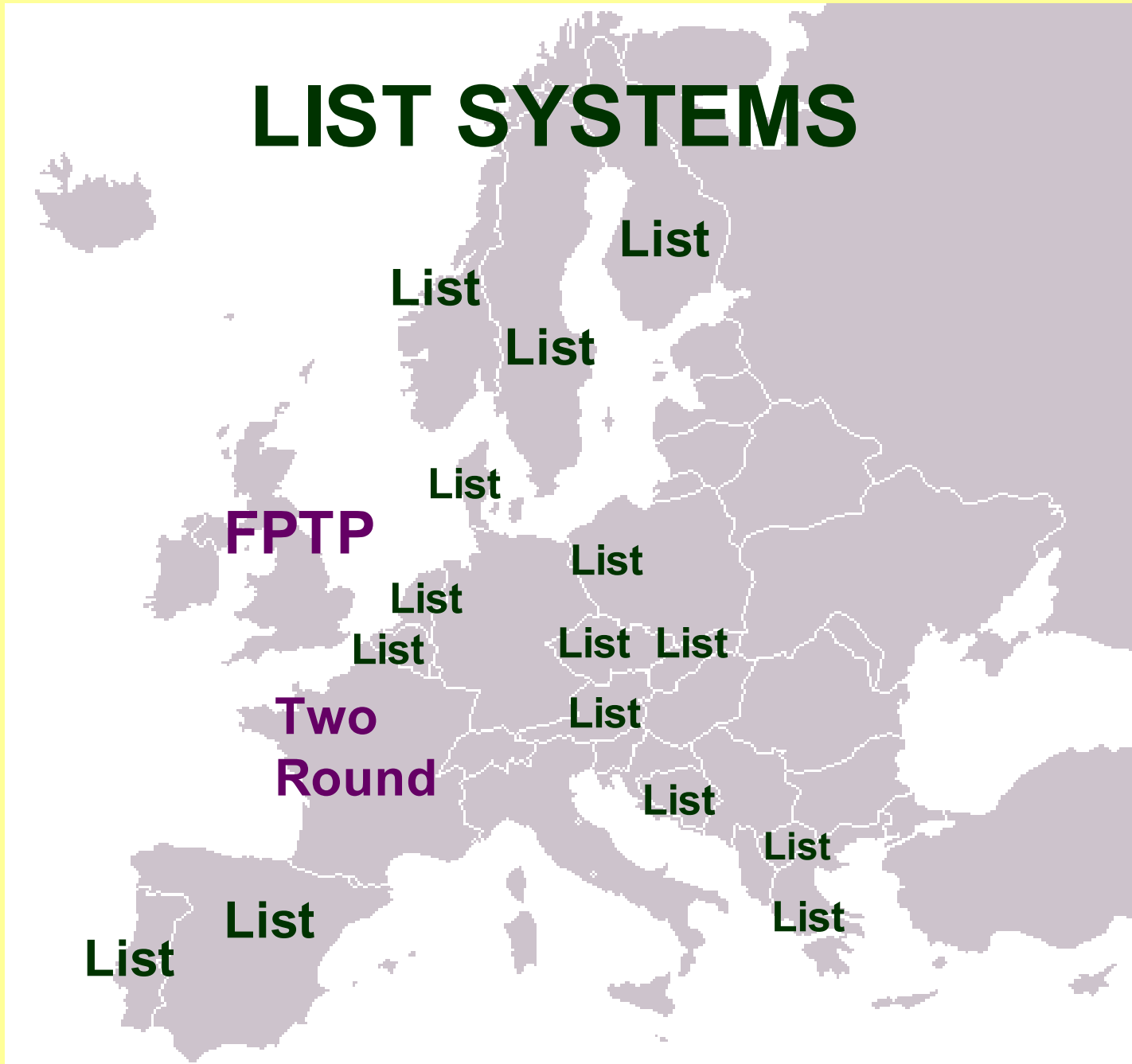
The norm in Europe



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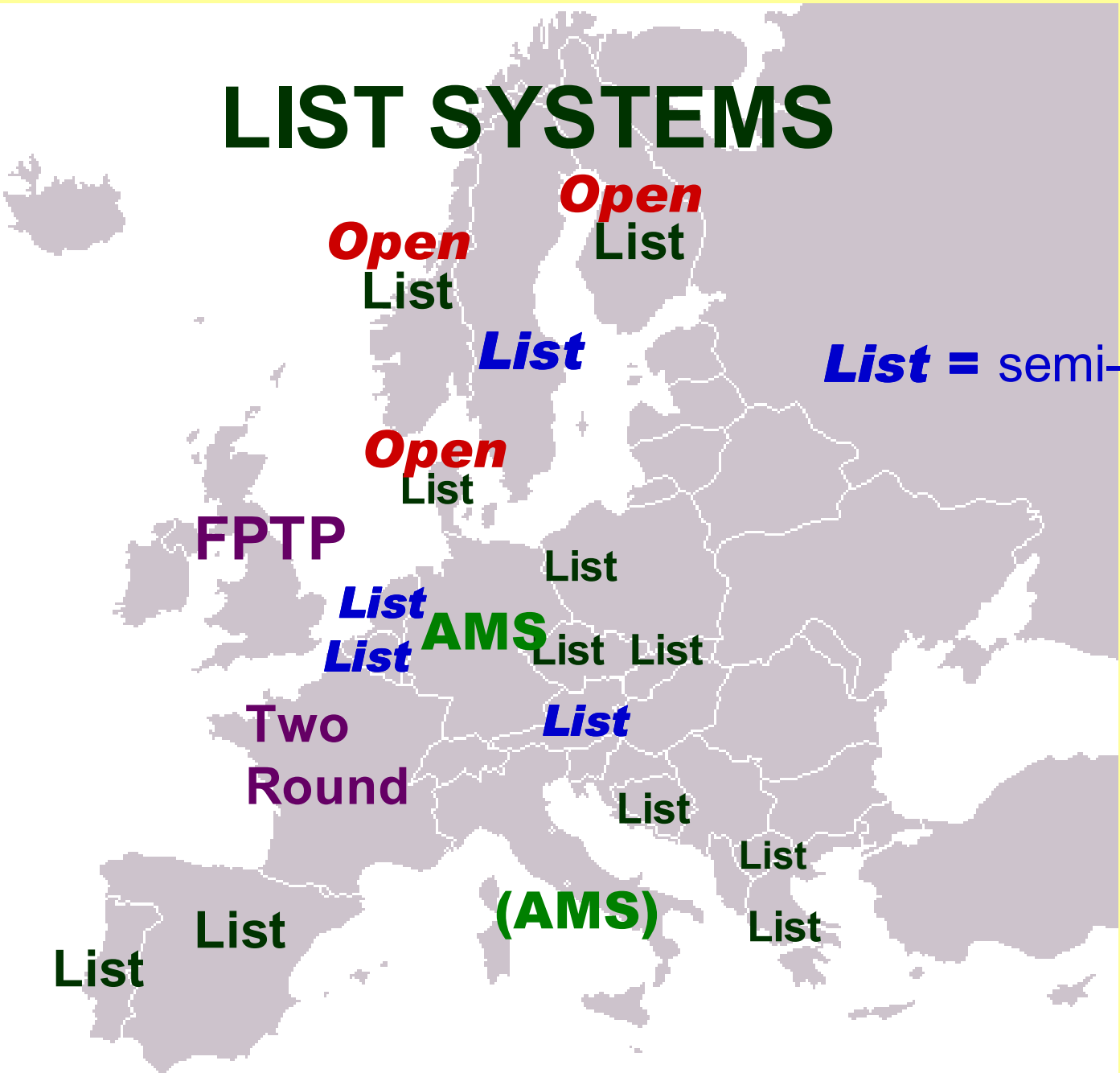
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Additional Member System

- A front runner as favoured by pro-reform Labour MPs
- Problems in that it creates two categories of elected members
- Argument over dual candidacies
- Not well understood by voter

A well-tryed system

STV is/has been used in:

- **Scottish School Board elections, 1919 - 1929**
- **Multi-member university seats in UK elections, to 1950**
- **Republic of Ireland: all elections since 1922**
- **N Ireland: local, Assembly and Euro elections since 1973**
- **Many elections in trade unions, professional bodies, voluntary organisations, etc.**

STV recommended by:

- **Kerley Commission**
- **Sunderland Commission**
- **Richard Commission**
- **Arbuthnott Commission**

And internationally ...

- **For the Australian senate**
- **In Tasmania**
- **In Malta**
- **In many cities of the US and Canada**
- **Some New Zealand local elections**

Electoral reform

- **A serious review of electoral systems?**
- **A referendum?**
- **A change to STV?**