FONDATION ROBERT SCHUMAN

European issues n°517 27th May 2019

European Parliament: a new balance ... but not Eurosceptic

Pascale Joannin Eric Maurice

The new European Parliament elected on 26th May with a significant increase in turnout, marks the end of bi-partism between the European People's Party and the European Socialist Party and confirms a consolidation of a pro-European bloc with the Liberals and Greens. The Eurosceptic tidal wave that some had dreamed of did not occur. The composition of groups and the appointments of those who will head the institutions will be complicated however and might lead to some surprises.

A NOTABLE RISE IN TURNOUT

The first striking fact about these European elections is the turnout, which totalled 50.95% across the 28 Member States, up by 8.34 points in comparison with the election of 2014. It is the highest rate since the 1994 elections (56.67%, whilst at the time the Union only had 12 members). The decline in turnout, a constant since the beginning of the election of the European Parliament by directive universal suffrage, has been halted for the very first time. It is also the first time since 1994 that more than one European in two has gone to elect his European representatives.

The increase in turnout in 20 States out of 28 transcends the political and social divisions that we might have seen over the last few years, between the north and south and especially the east and west of the Union. In five countries – Germany, Austria, Denmark, Czech Republic, Slovakia – turnout was up by around 10 points or more. In four countries – Spain, Hungary, Poland, Romania – the increase was around or over the 15-point mark.

Unlike 2014 no country recorded turnout below 20%, and it was up in all countries where it had been below 30% in 2014. If we exclude Belgium and Luxembourg, where it is obligatory to vote, turnout is not over 66% in any country.

As it rose beyond the symbolic mark of 50%, the turnout rate has lent greater democratic legitimacy to the European Parliament, in a context of widespread challenge to political powers. It also reflects the fact that increasingly European citizens deem that the questions of

concern (security, migration, economy and social, climate) must find their answer at European level (see the study "Citizens' expectations regarding the European Union")

The national context in several countries, often linked to issues that cover relations with the Union, also played a role in the increased mobilisation of the electorate.

In Poland, where turnout was up by nearly 20 points, the European elections were considered a full-scale test prior to the general elections planned for the autumn, with in particular the constitution of a wide centre-centre-right coalition, called the European Coalition (KE), against the Law and Justice Party (PiS) in office.

In Romania the 17-point increase in turnout can be explained in part by the simultaneous organisation of a referendum initiated by the President, regarding the reform of the judicial system launched by the social democratic government, against which many demonstrations have been organised in the country. In these two countries, the fact that it was a national test also implied a European dimension, in that the challenge to the rule of law by both governments has placed Poland and Romania in the dock in Europe.

In Spain where turnout rose by more than 20 points, regional and local elections were also organised in some major cities like Madrid and Barcelona. The European election also confirmed the result of the parliamentary elections that took place on 28th April, which were won by the PSOE.

In France, the European elections were the first since 2017 and President Emmanuel Macron, likewise the

far-right, turned it into a domestic political challenge. To a lesser degree the vote in the Czech Republic could also be considered as a vote for or against Prime Minister Andrej Babis, suspected of embezzling European funds and who faces regular public demonstrations.

In Hungary where turnout was up by nearly 15 points, Prime Minister Viktor Orban turned these elections into a new vote on his anti-migrant policy directed against the institutions of Europe. In the two countries most affected by Brexit, the UK and Ireland, paradoxically the issue did not lead massive citizen turnout. In the UK, whilst the Prime Minister Theresa May was on the verge of resigning due to the stalemate over the way the country should leave the Union turnout rose to 37% against 35.6% in 2014. In Ireland whose prosperity, and even its security, might be affected by Brexit turnout was down, under 50%.

| Member States | Turnout 2019 (%) | Turnout 2014 (%) | Trend |
|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Germany | 61,50 | 48,10 | ↑ |
| Austria | 59,30 | 45,39 | 1 |
| Belgium | 89,00 | 89,64 | ↓ |
| Bulgaria | 30,83 | 35,84 | \downarrow |
| Cypruse | 44,99 | 43,97 | 1 |
| Croatia | 29,65 | 25,24 | ↑ |
| Denmark | 66,00 | 56,32 | ↑ |
| Spain | 64,32 | 43,81 | ↑ |
| Estonia | 37,60 | 36,52 | ↑ |
| Finlande | 40,70 | 39,10 | ↑ |
| France | 50,97 | 42,43 | 1 |
| Greece | 57,86 | 59,97 | ↓ |
| Hungary | 43,36 | 28,97 | ↑ |
| Ireland | 49,30 | 52,44 | ↓ |
| Italy | 56,09 | 57,22 | ↓ |
| Latvia | 33,60 | 30,24 | 1 |
| Lithuania | 52,88 | 47,35 | 1 |
| Luxembourg | 84,10 | 85,55 | ↑ |
| Malta | 72,60 | 74,80 | ↓ |
| Netherlands | 41,80 | 37,32 | 1 |
| Poland | 43,00 | 23,83 | 1 |
| Portugal | 31,01 | 33,67 | ↓ |
| Czech Republic | 28,72 | 18,20 | 1 |
| Romania | 49,02 | 32,44 | 1 |
| United Kingdom | 37,00 | 35,60 | 1 |
| Slovenia | 28,29 | 24,55 | 1 |
| Slovakia | 22,74 | 13,05 | 1 |
| Sweden | 53,30 | 51,07 | 1 |
| European Union | 50,95 | 42,61 | ↑ |

By bringing the downward trend in turnout in the European elections to a halt in this spectacular manner the European Parliament can hope to consolidate its institutional and political role, notably in the face of the Member States gathered in the Council and the European Council.

The increase in turnout reflects the increased importance of European issues in the way that citizens see their place in society and the place their country holds in the world.

National factors also played an important role in the electoral campaign, in the voters' choice and in the increase in turnout. But the place of European questions in these debates especially undertaken at national level, show an increasing Europeanisation of politics in the Member States.

THE END OF THE TWO-PARTY SYSTEM

As we announced in our previous <u>studies</u>, one of the main lessons to be learned from this European election is the end of the two-party system, in force since 1979.

The two main groups (EPP and the S&D) are still numerically the largest groups with respectively 180 and 146 seats, according European Parliament forecasts. But they are both diminished in comparison with 214 (37 fewer seats for the EPP and 41 seats for the S&D).

Indeed although many parties in the EPP group came out ahead in Germany, Ireland, Austria and Cyprus where they are in office, but also in Romania and Greece where they are not in government, other parties achieved their worst score ever, like the Republicans (LR) in France, which now only has 8 MEPs (-8) and Forza Italia (6 seats, -5), or they achieved a poor score like the People's Party (PP) in Spain (12 seats -4).

To the left only the PSOE in Spain, the PS in Portugal and the PvdA have managed to save a leading position. Everywhere else the parties on the left have failed, like the German SPD (-11 seats), the Democratic Party in Italy (-13), the PSD in Romania (-4) and the

PS in France, which had the worst score in its history (6.19%, - 5 seats)

EPP and S&D will no longer be able to form an absolute majority alone as it has been the case since the first election of MEPs by direct universal suffrage. Together they only have 326 seats, i.e. 51 less than the required majority of 376 seats.

A NEW PRO-EUROPEAN MAJORITY.

Pro-European political forces are still in the majority in the Parliament, occupying 67.5% of the seats.

Apart from the EPP and S&D groups, the Parliament is home to two other groups – the Liberals (ALDE) and the Greens (Greens/EFA) with whom they will, in all likelihood, join forces to form a new majority. Especially since the Liberals have witnessed a 41 seat increase in comparison with 2014, thereby becoming the third group in the European Parliament, a place they have snatched from the Conservatives (ECR), which now only have 59 seats instead of 77, notably due to the collapse of the British Conservatives, who formed to date the main share of the group's members along with the Poles of Law and Justice (PiS), who will probably retain the chairmanship.

To a lesser degree the Greens have also a witnessed an increase of their number with 17 seats notably due to the excellent results in Germany, where they came second behind the CDU/CSU, but ahead of the SPD – which indeed is a problem to the German "grand coalition" – and in some other Member States like Belgium, Netherlands and France.

The EPP and the S&D will have to initiate negotiations with these political groups to choose to accept one or two in a new majority alliance.

EUROSCEPTICS STILL DIVIDED.

The tidal wave that some had dreamed of did not occur. Although two parties have made a major breakthrough, the Italian Lega rising from 6 MEPs in 2014 to 28, i.e. an increase of 22 seats, and the Brexit Party, which has

29 seats, i.e. a lesser progression because its leader already won in 2014 under the UKIP label, they will not sit in the same group, as is already the case in the outgoing Parliament. The Brexit Party will undoubtedly join forces again with the other Italian government coalition party, the M5S.

Divided in three groups in the outgoing Parliament between the ECR, which dominated, the EFDD and the ENF, the eurosceptic groups have not progressed as much as they would have liked, now occupying – along with the far left (GUE-NGL) 209 members i.e. 27% of the Parliament.

The three groups "weigh" approximately the same in terms of seats (ECR 59, ENF 58 and the EFDD 54)

It is very likely that their divisions will continue, even if one cannot rule out a reshuffle, when the British have finally left the Union. But this date is still an unknown.

By then the Brexit Party will have to have a group and its leader will have to ensure the chairmanship as before. The Poles will chair the ECR without sharing this with the British and the Italians, will now be the leading force in the ENF and will take the chairmanship, without sharing it with the French National Rally which has not increased the number of its seats in comparison with 2014.

The only government led by a GUE/NGL member, ie Syriza in Greece, suffered badly as it came second with 23.74% and 6 seats (the same number as in 2014). Of course, it has improved its score in comparison with 2014 but it has emerged destabilised in the national arena where it has had to convene a snap election. Everywhere else the far-left parties are declining, whether this is Die Linke (The Left) (5.5 %) or France insoumise (France Unbowed) (6.31%).

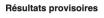
The composition of the groups that will begin next week might lead to some surprises with some parties leaving the movements in which they have sat to date, to join another or to form a new one. We might of course imagine a union of the Eurosceptic forces in two parties rather than three, if their leaders can calm their egos and their desire to dominate their own space. Also, they will have to succeed in putting a programme together and define a joint political line. To be against something is not enough.

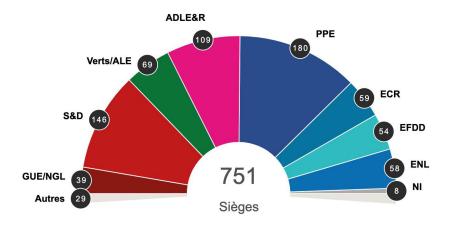
As for the major groups, we cannot rule out some change. Between those who support the continuation of the "usual left-right coalitions" bringing together the pro-Europeans, widened this time to three or four parties, or those who want to try and break these traditions and seek a new, unnatural majority. We notably think here of what the party of the Hungarian party will do in the EPP!

Negotiations will start on 28th May and will be lively between heads of State and government to find a formula that will lead to the appointment of the executives to lead the institutions (Parliament, Commission, European Council, ECB) who will have to both represent the reality of the vote expressed by the citizens, the diversity of political and territorial origins and the balance between men and women.

This exercise might prove to be a true conundrum. We cannot be sure that the established rules will all be followed to the letter in terms of finding the most balanced formula but also – we hope – the most ambitious for Europe so that we can rise to the many challenges that our continent now faces.

Parlement européen 2019 - 2024





Germany

96 MEPs

https://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/fiche/allemagne/

Official results: https://www.bundeswahlleiter.de/europawahlen/2019.html

| Political Parties | European political affiliation | Number of votes | Percentage of votes | Number of seats | Trend |
|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Christian Democratic Union of Germany (CDU- CSU) | EPP | 8 437 093 | 28.90 % | 29 | \ |
| Alliance 90 - The Greens | Greens/EFA | 7 675 584 | 20.5 % | 21 | 1 |
| Social Democratic Party (SPD) | S&D | 5 914 953 | 15.8 % | 16 | \ |
| Alternative für Deutschland (AfD) | ECR | 4 103 453 | 11.0 % | 11 | 1 |
| The Left (DL) | GUE/NGL | 2 056 010 | 5.5 % | 5 | \ |
| Liberal Democratic Party (FDP) | ALDE | 2 028 353 | 5.4 % | 5 | ↑ |
| The Party (Die PARTEI) | | 898 386 | 2.4% | 2 | ↑ |
| Free Voters | ALDE | 806 590 | 2.2 % | 2 | ↑ |
| Animals Party (Tierschutzpartei) | GUE/NGL | 541 984 | 1.4 % | 1 | 1 |
| Green Group /European Free Alliance (ÖDP) | Greens/EFA | 370 006 | 1.0 % | 1 | 1 |
| Pirate Party | | 243 363 | 0,7 % | 1 | <u> </u> |
| Family Party | ECR | 273 755 | 0,7% | 1 | = |
| Volt | | 248 824 | 0.7 % | 1 | |

Austria

18 MEPs

 $\underline{https://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/fiche/autriche/}$

 $\textbf{Official Results:} \ \underline{\text{https://www.oesterreich.gv.at/themen/leben_in_oesterreich/wahlen/3/Seite.320445.html}$

| Political Parties | European political affiliation | Number of votes | Percentage of votes | Number of seats | Trend |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| People's Party (ÖVP) | EPP | 1 130 527 | 35.4 % | 7 | ↑ |
| Social Democratic Party (SPÖ) | S&D | 754 347 | 23.6 % | 5 | \downarrow |
| Freedom Party (FPÖ) | ENF | 578 454 | 17.2 % | 3 | \downarrow |
| Liberal Party (NEOS) | ALDE | 260 547 | 8.7 % | 1 | = |
| The Greens (Grüne) | Greens/EFA | 417 226 | 14.0 % | 2 | 1 |

Belgium

21 MEPs

 $\underline{https://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/fiche/belgique/}$

Résultats officiels : https://elections.fgov.be/

| Political Parties | European political affiliation | Number of votes | Percentage of votes | Number of seats | Trend | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|--|--|--|
| Dutch-speaking College | | | | | | | | |
| New Flemish Alliance (N-VA) | ECR | 954.048 | 22,44% | 3 | \ | | | |
| Vlaams Belang (VB) | ENF | 811.169 | 19,08% | 3 | 1 | | | |
| Liberals and Democrats (Open-VLD) | ALDE | 678.051 | 15,95% | 2 | ↓ | | | |
| Christian-Democrats (CD&V) | EPP | 617.651 | 14,53% | 2 | \downarrow | | | |
| Greens (Groen) | Greens/EFA | 525.908 | 12,37% | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Socialist Party (SP.A) | S&D | 434.002 | 10,21% | 1 | ↓ | | | |
| French-speaking College | | | | | | | | |
| Socialist Party (PS) | S&D | 651.157 | 26,69% | 2 | \ | | | |
| Confederate Ecologists for the organisation of original battles (ECOLO) | Greens/EFA | 485.655 | 19,91% | 2 | 1 | | | |
| Reform Movement (MR) | ALDE | 470.654 | 19,29% | 2 | \ | | | |
| Belgian Workers' Party (PTB) | GUE/NGL | 355.883 | 14,59% | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Humanist Democratic Centre (CDH) | EPP | 218.078 | 8,94% | 1 | ↓ | | | |
| German College | | | | | | | | |
| Social Christian Party (CSP) | EPP | 14.247 | 34,94% | 1 | ↑ | | | |

Bulgaria

17 MEPs

https://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/fiche/bulgarie/

Official Results: https://www.cik.bg/bg

| Political Parties | European political affiliation | Number of votes | Percentage of votes | Number of seats | Trend |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Citizens for European Development (GERB) | EPP | 439 909 | 30,62 % | 6 | = |
| Socialist Party (BSP) | S&D | 353 269 | 24,59% | 5 | ↑ |
| Movement for Rights and Freedom (DPS) | ALDE | 215 686 | 15,01 % | 3 | \ |
| National Movement for Stability and Progress (VMRO) | Others | 111 525 | 7,76 % | 2 | 1 |
| Democrats fora Strong Bulgaria | EPP | 97 965 | 6,82 % | 1 | 1 |

Cyprus

6 MEPs

https://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/fiche/chypre/

 $\underline{Official\ Results:\ http://www.moi.gov.cy/moi/moi.nsf/page16_gr/page16_gr?OpenDocument}$

| Political Parties | European political affiliation | Number of votes | Percentage of votes | Number of seats | Trend |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Democratic Assembly (DISY) | EPP | 81 539 | 29,02 % | 2 | ↓ |
| Progressive Workers' Party (AKEL) | GUE/NGL | 77 241 | 27,49 % | 2 | 1 |
| Democratic Party (DIKO) | S&D | 38 756 | 13,08 % | 1 | ↑ |
| Social Democratic Movement (EDEK) | S&D | 29 715 | 10,58 % | 1 | ↑ |

Croatia

11 MEPs

https://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/fiche/croatie/

Official Results: https://www.izbori.hr/site/izbori-referendumi/izbori-clanova-u-europski-parlament-iz-republike-hrvatske/68

| Political Parties | European political affiliation | Number of votes | Percentage of votes | Number of seats | Trend |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Croatian Democratic Union (HDZ) | EPP | | 22.72% | 4 | ↓ |
| Social Democratic Party (SDP) | S&D | | 18.71% | 3 | ↓ |
| Croatian Sovereign Coalition | ECR | | 8.51% | 1 | |
| Mislav Kolakušić List | Others | | 7.89% | 1 | |
| Human Shield (Zivi Zid) | Others | | 5.66% | 1 | |
| Civic Liberal Alliance - Member of the Amsterdam Coalition | ALDE | | 5.20% | 1 | |



Denmark 13 MEPs

https://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/fiche/danemark/

Official Results: https://valg.oim.dk/valg/valg-til-europa-parlamentet/

| Political Parties | European political affiliation | Number of votes | Percentage of votes | Number of seats | Trend |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Liberal Party (Venstre V) | ALDE | | 23,50 % | 3 | ↑ |
| Social Democratic Party(SD) | S&D | | 21,50 % | 3 | 1 |
| People's Socialist Party (SF) | Greens/EFA | | 13,20 % | 2 | 1 |
| Danish People's Party (DF) | ENF | | 10,70 % | 1 | \ |
| Social Liberal Party(RV) | ALDE | | 10,10 % | 2 | ↑ |
| People's Conservative Party (KF) | EPP | | 6,20 % | 1 | \ |
| Red/Green Alliance (RG) | GUE/NGL | | 5,50 % | 1 | |

Spain

54 MEPs

https://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/fiche/espagne/

Official Results: http://www.infoelectoral.mir.es/infoelectoral/min/home.html

| Political Parties | European political affiliation | Number of votes | Percentage of votes | Number of seats | Trend |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE) | S&D | 7359617 | 32,84% | 20 | ↑ |
| People's Party (PP) | EPP | 4510193 | 20,13% | 12 | \ |
| Coalition formed by Citizens – Party of Citizenship & Union, Progress and Democracy | ALDE | 2726642 | 12,17% | 7 | 1 |
| Coalition formed by United We can, United Left and Equo | Greens/EFA | 2252378 | 10,05% | 6 | / |
| Vox | GUE/NGL | 1388681 | 6,2% | 3 | 1 |
| Republics Now | Others | 1257484 | 5,61% | 3 | |
| Together for Catalonia | Greens/EFA | 1025411 | 4,60% | 2 | |
| Coalition for an inclusive Europe | Others | 633265 | 2,76% | 1 | |

Estonia

6 MEPs

https://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/fiche/estonie/

Official Results: https://www.valimised.ee/et

| Political Parties | European political affiliation | Number of votes | Percentage of votes | Number of seats | Trend |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Reform Party (ER) | ALDE | 87158 | 26,2 % | 2 | ↑ |
| Social Democratic Party(SDE) | S&D | 77384 | 23,3 % | 2 | ↑ |
| Centre Party (KE) | ALDE | 47819 | 14,4 % | 1 | \downarrow |
| People's Conservative Party (EKRE) | ENF | 42268 | 12,7 % | 1 | |
| Union pro patria et res publica (IRL) | PPE | 34189 | 10,3 % | 1 | \downarrow |

Finland

13 MEPs

https://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/fiche/finlande/

Official Results: https://tulospalvelu.vaalit.fi/EPV-2019/fi/lasktila.html

| Political Parties | European political affiliation | Number of votes | Percentage of votes | Number of seats | Trend |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| National Coalition Party | EPP | 380 106 | 20.8% | 3 | ↓ |
| Green League | Greens/EFA | 292 512 | 16% | 2 | 1 |
| Social Democratic Party of Finland | S&D | 267 342 | 14.6% | 2 | 1 |
| The True Finns | ECR | 252 990 | 13.8% | 2 | 1 |
| Centre Party | ALDE | 247 416 | 13.5% | 2 | \downarrow |
| Left Alliance | GUE/NGL | 125 749 | 6.9% | 1 | \downarrow |
| People's Party of Swedes of Finland | ALDE | 116 033 | 6.3% | 1 | \downarrow |



France

74 MEPs

https://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/fiche/france/

Official Results: https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/fr/Elections/Les-resultats/Europeennes

| Political Parties | European political affiliation | Number of votes | Percentage of votes | Number of seats | Trend |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------|
| National Rally (RN) | ENF | 5 281 734 | 23,31% | 22 | ↓ |
| Republic on the Move (LREM) | ALDE | 5 076 464 | 22,41% | 21 | |
| Europe Ecology- The Greens (EELV) | Greens/EFA | 3 052 533 | 13,47% | 12 | 1 |
| The Republicans (LR) | EPP | 1 920 601 | 8,5% | 8 | \ |
| France Unbowed (LFI) | GUE/NGL | 1 428 410 | 6,3% | 6 | = |
| Public Place | S&D | 1 402 129 | 6,2% | 5 | \ |

Greece

21 MEPs

https://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/fiche/grece/

Official Results: http://www.areiospagos.gr/

| Political Parties | European political affiliation | Number of votes | Percentage of votes | Number of seats | Trend |
|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| New Democracy (ND) | EPP | | 33,26 % | 9 | ↑ |
| Coalition of the Radical Left (SYRIZA) | GUE/NGL | | 23,75 % | 6 | ↑ |
| Movement for Change (KA) | S&D | | 7,54 % | 2 | |
| Communist Party (KKE) | NI | | 5,53 % | 1 | \downarrow |
| Golden Dawn (CA) | NI | | 4,86 % | 1 | \downarrow |
| Greek Solution - Kyriakos Velopoulos | Others | | 4, 12 % | 1 | ↑ |
| DiEM25 | GUE/NGL | | 3, 05% | 1 | |

Hungary

21 MEPs

https://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/fiche/hongrie/

Official Results: https://www.valasztas.hu/ep2019 (Résultats provisoires au 27 mai)

| Political Parties | European political affiliation | Number of votes | Percentage of votes | Number of seats | Trend |
|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Alliance of Young Democrats-Civic Union (FIDESZ-MPP) | EPP | 1 795 013 | 52,33 % | 13 | 1 |
| Democratic Coalition (DK) | Others | 555 258 | 16,19 % | 4 | ↑ |
| Momentum | Others | 339 196 | 9,89 % | 2 | |
| Social Democratic Party (MSZP) | S&D | 228 333 | 6,66 % | 1 | 1 |
| Movement for a Better Hungary (Jobbik) | NI | 219 715 | 6,41 % | 1 | \ |

Ireland

11 MEPs

https://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/fiche/irlande/

 ${\color{red} \textbf{Official Results:}} \ \underline{\textbf{https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/government_in_ireland/elections_and_referenda/european_elections/$

<u>european_elections.html</u>

| Political Parties | European political affiliation | Number of votes | Percentage of votes | Number of seats | Trend |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Fine Gael (FG) | EPP | | 29 % | 4 | = |
| Fianna Fail (FF) | ALDE | | 15 % | 2 | ↑ |
| GreenParty (GP) | Greens/EFA | | 15 % | 2 | ↑ |
| Independents | GUE/NGL | | 15 % | 1 | 1 |
| Sinn Fein (SF) | GUE/NGL | | 13 % | 2 | \downarrow |

Italy 73 MEPs

 $\underline{https://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/fiche/italie/}$

Official Results: https://dait.interno.gov.it/elezioni/speciale-europee

12

| Political Parties | European political affiliation | Number of votes | Percentage of votes | Number of seats | Trend |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Lega | ENF | 9 148 112 | 34,33 % | 28 | ↑ |
| Democratic Party (PD) | S&D | 6 047 118 | 22,69 % | 18 | ↓ |
| 5 Stars Movement (M5S) | EFDD | 4 549 999 | 17,07 % | 14 | ↓ |
| Forza Italia (FI) | EPP | 4 549 999 | 8,79 % | 7 | ↓ |
| Brothers of Italy (FdI) | ECR | 1 722 254 | 6,46 % | 5 | ↑ |
| Sud-Tyrol Volkspartei (SVP) | EPP | | 0.53% | 1 | = |

Latvia

8 MEPs

https://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/fiche/lettonie/

Official Results: https://epv2019.cvk.lv/pub/

| Political Parties | European political affiliation | Number of votes | Percentage of votes | Number of seats | Trend |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Unity (JV) | EPP | 124193 | 26,24 % | 2 | \downarrow |
| Harmony (S) | S&D | 82604 | 17,45 % | 2 | 1 |
| National Alliance – for the Fatherland and Freedom (VL-TB/ LNNK) | ECR | 77591 | 16,40 % | 2 | 1 |
| Development/For (PAR) | | 58763 | 12,42 % | 1 | |
| Russian Union of Latvia (LKS) | Greens/EFA | 29546 | 6,24 % | 1 | = |

Lithuania

11 MEPs

 $\underline{https://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/fiche/lituanie/}$

Official Results: https://www.vrk.lt/2019-europos-parlamento

| Political Parties | European political affiliation | Number of votes | Percentage of votes | Number of seats | Trend |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Patriotic Union – Christian Democrats (TS LKD) | EPP | 245 918 | 18,60% | 3 | 1 |
| Social Democratic Party (LSDP) | S&D | 199 220 | 15,07% | 2 | ↓ |
| Union of Greens and Farmers (LVZS) | Greens/EFA | 157 603 | 11,92% | 2 | 1 |
| Labour Party (DP) | ALDE | 112 985 | 8,55% | 1 | \ |
| Liberal Movement (LRLS) | ALDE | 81 916 | 5,24% | 1 | \ |
| Public Electoral Committee "Aušros Maldeikienės" | Others | 80 683 | 6,10% | 1 | 1 |
| Coalition of the Union of Christian Families and Russian Alliance | ECR | 69 262 | 5,24% | 1 | 1 |

Luxembourg

6 MEPs

https://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/fiche/luxembourg/

Official Results: https://elections.public.lu/de.html

| Political Parties | European political affiliation | Number of votes | Percentage of votes | Number of seats | Trend |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Democratic Party (PD/DP) | ALDE | 268 910 | 21,44% | 2 | ↑ |
| Social Christian Party (PCS/CVS) | EPP | 264 665 | 21,1% | 2 | \downarrow |
| Greens/Dei Greng (LV-DG) | Greens/EFA | 237 215 | 18,91% | 1 | ↑ |
| Socialist Workers' Party (POSL/LSAP) | S&D | 152 900 | 12,19% | 1 | ↑ |

13

Malta

6 MEPs

https://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/fiche/malte/

Official Results: https://electoral.gov.mt/ElectionResults/MEP

| Political Parties | European political affiliation | Number of votes | Percentage of votes | Number of seats | Trend |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Labour Party | S&D | 141267 | 54,9 % | 4 | ↑ |
| Nationalist Party | EPP | 98611 | 36,20 % | 2 | \downarrow |

Netherlands

26 MEPs

https://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/fiche/pays-bas/

 $\textbf{Official Results:} \ \underline{\text{https://www.kiesraad.nl/verkiezingen/europees-parlement/uitslagen}$

| Political Parties | European political affiliation | Number of votes | Percentage of votes | Number of seats | Trend |
|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Labour Party (PvdA) | S&D | | 18,90% | 6 | 1 |
| People's Party for Freedom and Democracy (VVD) | ALDE | | 14,60% | 4 | ↓ |
| Christian Democratic Appel (CDA) | EPP | | 12,10% | 4 | ↓ |
| Forum for Democracy (FvD) | Others | | 10,90% | 3 | |
| Green Party (GL) | Greens/EFA | | 10,90% | 3 | ↑ |
| Démocrates 66 (D 66) | ALDE | | 7% | 2 | 1 |
| Christian Union (CU-SGP) | EPP | | 6,80% | 2 | = |
| Animals Party (PvdD) | GUE/NGL | | 4% | 1 | 1 |
| 50PLUS | Others | | 3,90% | 1 | |

Poland

51 MEPs

 $\underline{https://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/fiche/pologne/}$

Official Results: https://wybory.gov.pl/pe2019/

| Political Parties | European political affiliation | Number of votes | Percentage of votes | Number of seats | Trend |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Law and Justice (PiS) | ECR | 6 145 876 | 45,56 % | 26 | ↑ |
| European Coalition (KE) | Others | 5 165 992 | 38,30 % | 22 | |
| Spring - Wiosna | EPP | 814 880 | 6,04 % | 3 | |

Portugal

21 MEPs

https://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/fiche/portugal/

Official Results: http://www.cne.pt/content/eleicoes-para-o-parlamento-europeu-2019

| Political Parties | European political affiliation | Number of votes | Percentage of votes | Number of seats | Trend |
|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Socialist Party (PS) | S&D | 1105894 | 33,38 % | 9 | ↑ |
| Social Democratic Party (PSD) | EPP | 726728 | 21,94% | 6 | = |
| Coalition Communist Party-Greens (CDU) | GUE/NGL | 325371 | 6,88 % | 2 | ↓ |
| Left Bloc (BE) | GUE/NGL | 325371 | 9,82 % | 2 | 1 |
| Animal Party (PAN) | Greens/EFA | 168359 | 5,08 % | 1 | ↑ |
| People's Party (CDS- PP) | EPP | 204957 | 6,19 % | 1 | 1 |

15

Czech Republic

21 MEPs

https://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/fiche/republique-tcheque/

Official Results: https://volby.cz/pls/ep2019/ep?xjazyk=CZ

| Political Parties | European political affiliation | Number of votes | Percentage of votes | Number of seats | Trend |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Ano 2011 | ALDE | 502 343 | 21,18% | 6 | 1 |
| Civic Democratic Party (ODS) | ECR | 344 885 | 14,54% | 4 | 1 |
| Pirate Party | Others | 330 844 | 13,95% | 3 | |
| Coalition STAN/ TOP09 | EPP | 276 220 | 11,65% | 3 | |
| Freedom and Direct Democracy Party (SPD) | ENF | 216 71 | 9,14% | 2 | |
| Christian Democratic Union – People's Party (KDU-CSL) | EPP | 171 723 | 7,24% | 2 | ↑ |
| Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia (KSCM) | GUE/NGL | 164 624 | 6,94% | 1 | ↓ |

Romania

32 MEPs

https://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/fiche/roumanie/

Official Results: http://alegeri.roaep.ro/

| Political Parties | European political affiliation | Number of votes | Percentage of votes | Number of seats | Trend |
|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------|
| National Liberal Party (PNL) | EPP | | 26.23% | 10 | ↑ |
| Social Democratic Party (PSD) | S&D | | 23,68% | 9 | ↓ |
| Alliance 2020 USR / PLUS | ALDE | | 20.51% | 7 | |
| Pro Romania | ECR | | 7,01% | 2 | |
| Democratic Union of the Hungarians of Romania (UDMR) | EPP | | 6,07% | 2 | ↓ |
| PMP (People's Movement) | EPP | | 5.55% | 2 | ↓ |

Slovenia

8 MEPs

 $\underline{https://elections\text{-}europeennes.robert\text{-}schuman.eu/fiche/slovenie/}$

Official Results: https://www.dvk-rs.si/index.php/si/aktualno

| Political Parties | European political affiliation | Number of votes | Percentage of votes | Number of seats | Trend |
|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Coalition of the Slovenian Democratic Party and the Slovenian People's Party (SDS & SLS) | EPP | 124 634 | 26.43 % | 3 | ↑ |
| Socia-Democrats (SD) | S&D | 87913 | 18.64 % | 2 | ↑ |
| Marjana Šarca List (LMS) | ALDE | 73480 | 15.58% | 2 | / |
| New Slovenia – People's Christian (NSi) | EPP | 52180 | 11.07 % | 1 | ↓ |

Slovakia

13 MEPs

https://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/fiche/slovaquie/

Official Results: https://volbysr.sk/sk/index.html

| Political Parties | European political affiliation | Number of votes | Percentage of votes | Number of seats | Trend |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Progressive Slovakia Coalition and TOTAL – Civil Democracy | EPP | 198 255 | 20,11% | 4 | 1 |
| Direction-Social Democracy (SMER- SD) | ALDE | 154 996 | 15,72% | 3 | ļ |
| People's Party New Slovakia (LSNS) | S&D | 118 995 | 12,07% | 2 | / |
| Christian Democratic Movement (KDH) | Others | 95 588 | 9,69% | 2 | ↓ |
| Freedom and Solidarity (SaS) | EPP | 94 839 | 9,62% | 1 | 1 |
| Party of Ordinary People and Independent Personalities (OL'aNO) | ECR | 51 834 | 5,25% | 1 | ↓ |

Sweden 20 MEPs

https://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/fiche/suede/

Official Results: https://www.val.se/valresultat.html

| Political Parties | European political affiliation | Number of votes | Percentage of votes | Number of seats | Trend |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Social Democratic Party(SAP) | S&D | 940131 | 23,60 % | 5 | ↓ |
| Moderate Assembly Party (M) | EPP | 670931 | 16,80 % | 4 | ↑ |
| Swedish Democrats (DS) | ECR | 614699 | 15,40 % | 3 | ↑ |
| Environment Party -The Greens (MP) | Greens/EFA | 454336 | 11,40 % | 2 | ↓ |
| Centre Party (C) | ALDE | 429811 | 10,80 % | 2 | ↑ |
| Christian Democrats (KD) | EPP | 344884 | 8,70 % | 2 | ↑ |
| Left Party (V) | GUE/NGL | 267949 | 6,70 % | 1 | ↑ |
| Liberal Party (L) | ALDE | 163169 | 4,10 % | 1 | \downarrow |

United Kingdom

73 MEPs

https://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/fiche/royaume-uni/

Official Results: https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/electoral-administrator/european-parliamentary-elections

| Political Parties | European political affiliation | Number of votes | Percentage of votes | Number of seats | Trend |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Brexit Party | EFDD | | 31,71 % | 29 | 1 |
| LibDems | ALDE | | 18, 55 % | 16 | 1 |
| Labour Party | S&D | | 14,05 % | 10 | \downarrow |
| Green Party | Greens/EFA | | 11,09 % | 7 | ↑ |
| Conservative Party | ECR | | 8,71 % | 4 | \downarrow |
| Scottish National Party SNP | Greens/EFA | | 3,36 % | 3 | 1 |
| Welsh Party Plaid Cymru | Greens/EFA | | 1,73 % | 1 | 1 |
| Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) | NI | | 0,6 % | 1 | = |
| Sinn Fein | GUE/NGL | | 0,6 % | 1 | \downarrow |
| Social Democratic and Labour Party | S&D | | 0,35 % | 1 | 1 |

Pascale Joannin

General Manager of the Robert Schuman Foundation

Eric Maurice

Head of the Foundation's Brussels Office

You can read all of our publications on our site : www.robert-schuman.eu

Publishing Director: Pascale JOANNIN

THE FONDATION ROBERT SCHUMAN, created in 1991 and acknowledged by State decree in 1992, is the main French research centre on Europe. It develops research on the European Union and its policies and promotes the content of these in France, Europe and abroad. It encourages, enriches and stimulates European debate thanks to its research, publications and the organisation of conferences. The Foundation is presided over by Mr. Jean-Dominique Giuliani.

19