

The European People's Party has a slight lead just one week before the European elections

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Analysis

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382 million citizens from 28 EU Member States are being called to ballot between 22nd and 25th May next to elect the 751 members of the European Parliament. The Dutch and the British will be voting on 22nd May; the Irish on 23rd, the Latvians, Slovaks and the Maltese on 24th, The Czechs on 23rd and 24th, and the Italians on 24th and 25th. The Europeans in the other 20 Member States will vote on 25th May [1].

The Lisbon Treaty signed in 2009 introduced a novelty: the European political parties can put forward their candidate for the post of President of the European Commission, a first in the Union's history. The European Council must take into account the results of the European election when appointing the President of the Commission who must then be approved by the majority of MEPs.

Former Prime Minister (1995-2013) of Luxembourg and former President of the Eurogroup (2005-2013), Jean-Claude Juncker (Social Christian Party, PCS/CVS), is the European People's Party candidate (EPP); Martin Schulz (Social Democratic Party SPD), present President of the European Parliament, is running for the Party of European Socialists (PES). The Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) and the European Democratic Party (EDP) chose former Belgian Prime Minister (1999-2008) Guy Verhofstadt (Open VLD). José Bové (Europe Ecology-The Greens, EE-LV) and Franziska Keller (Die Grünen), both MEPs are running for the European Green Party (EGP).

Finally Alexis Tsipras (Radical Left Coalition, SYRIZA) is the European Left's candidate (ELP).

The Alliance of European Conservatives and Reformers (CRE/ECR) and the European Alliance for Freedom chose not to put a candidate forward.

These five candidates have convened on three occasions for TV debates (28th April, 9th and 15th May) [2]. Other debates have involved Jean-Claude Juncker and Martin Schulz (9th April, 8th and 13th May) [3] A final dual will bring them together on 20th May.

Just one week before the election the gap between the EPP and the PES is still tight but the EPP remains in the lead. According to the polls the EPP is due to win between 212 and 221 MEPs. The Socialists and Democrats (S&D) are due to win between 194 and 209 MEPs. The ALDE is due to remain the third biggest group in the Strasbourg Assembly with between 45 to 52 MEPs. The ecologists (Greens/EFA) are due to have between 38 and 52 seats, the European Conservatives and Reformers (CRE/ECR), 43 or 44 MEPs and Europe for Freedom and Democracy (ELD/EFD), between 33 and 39 MEPs.

There remains the issue of the non-attached who, as they stand in their present form are due to win 38 seats. The parties which are not represented in Parliament at present and who might make their entry according to the polls without being able to tell at this stage with whom they will sit are due to win 62 seats.

1. <http://elections-europeennes.robort-schuman.eu/>

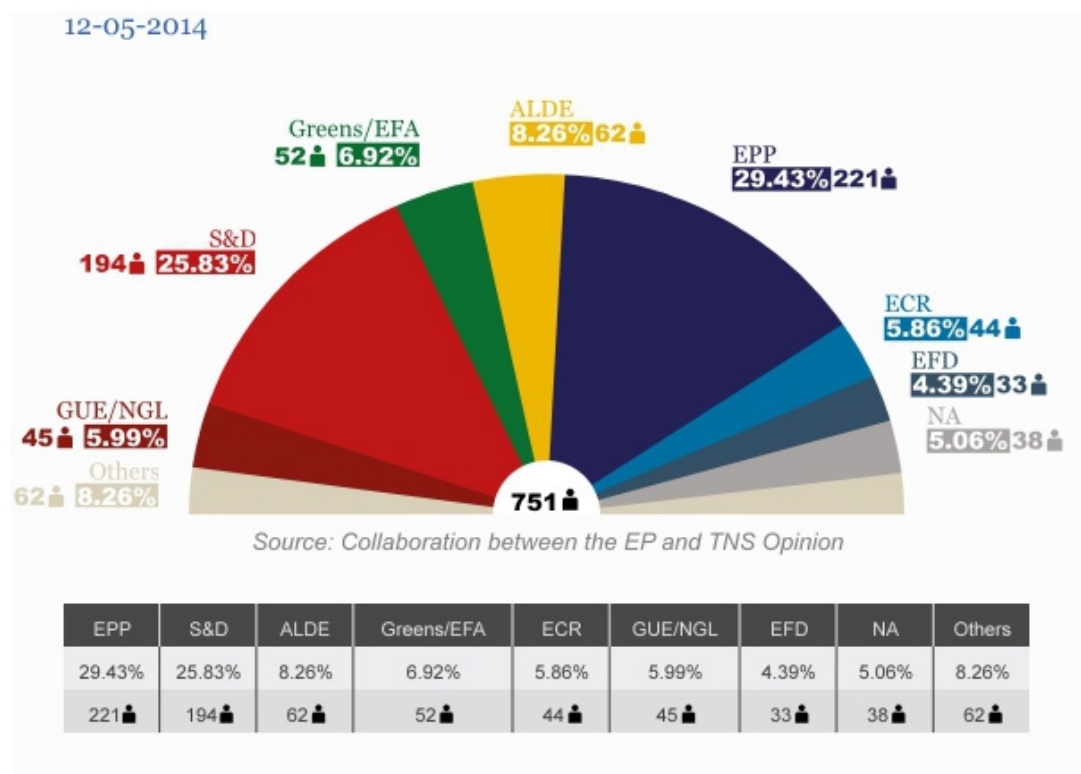
2. <http://stateoftheunion.eu.eu/>, <http://replay.publicsenat.fr/vod/evenement/debat-entre-les-candidats-a-la-presidence-de-la-commission-europeenne/roland-cayrol,pierre-rousselin,bernard-g/152451>, <http://fr.euronews.com/2014/04/28/eudebate2014-debat-inedit-entre-les-4-candidats-a-la-presidence-de-la->

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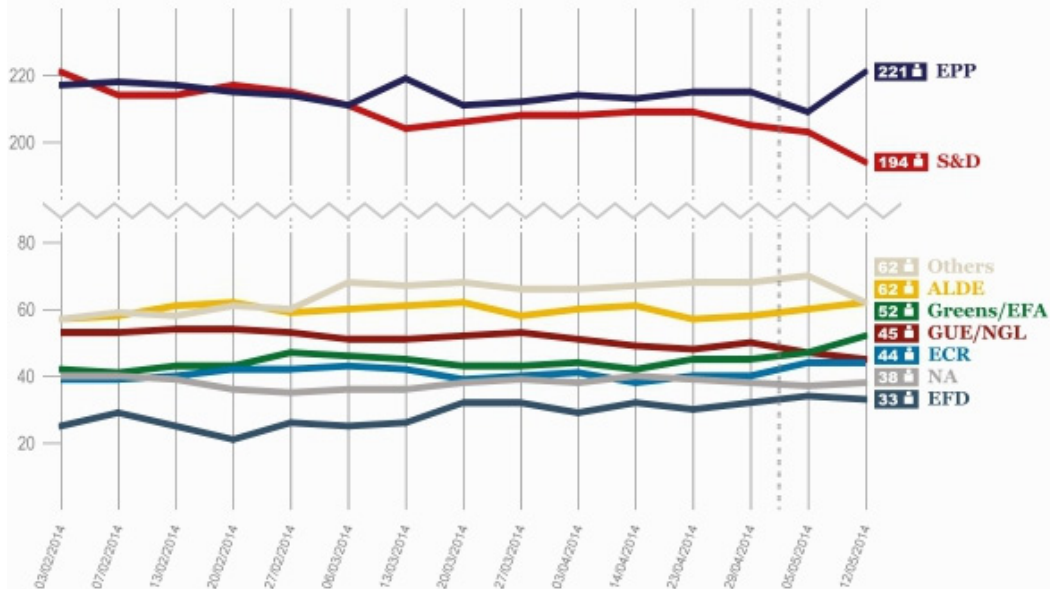
Composition of the European Parliament according to the polls just one week before the election

Political Groups	Number of MEPs
European People's Party (PPE/EPP)	212 - 221
Socialists & Democrats (S&D)	194 - 209
Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)	62 - 63
European United Left/Nordic Green Left (GUE/NGL)	45 - 52
European Conservatives and Reformers (CRE/ECR)	43 - 44
Europe of Freedom and Democracy (ELD/EFD)	33 - 39
Greens/European Free Alliance (Greens/EFA)	38 - 52
non-attached	38
Others	62

Sources : Internet Site <http://www.electio2014.eu/fr/pollsandsenarios/polls> and <http://www.elections2014.eu/fr/news-room/content/20140324STO39616/html/%C3%89lections-europ%C3%A9ennes-2014-derni%C3%A8res-projections-en-si%C3%A8ges-au-Parlement>



From 03-02-2014 to 12-05-2014



The right is due to win in 14 Member States: Germany, Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Croatia, Spain, Finland, France, Hungary, Ireland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland and Slovenia. The left is due to win in ten countries: Bulgaria, Estonia, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia and Sweden. In 4 Member States – Denmark, Greece, Czech Republic and the UK populist and eurosceptic parties on the right or the left may win – the Danish People’s Party (DF), Syriza, Ano 2011 and the UK Independence Party (UKIP), respectively.

The Dutch Freedom Party (PVV), the Austrian Liberal Party (FPO), the French National Front (FN), the Belgian Vlaams Belang (VB), the Swedish Democrats (DS), the Italian Northern League (LN) and the Slovakian Nationalist Party (SNS), if this party have some candidates elected, might win 38 MEPs together and form a new group in the

future European Parliament. With this be the only one?

Turn out might be less than in the last European election in 2009 (43.23%). Let us hope that the novelty introduced by the Lisbon Treaty that enables European citizens to appoint the President of the Commission indirectly and the debates organised between the candidates will have a positive effect on turn out. The European election must not – as the populists hope in all quarters – just become a vote for or against the European Union. Although the parliament in Strasbourg functions on a basis of negotiations and a quest for consensus, although it is a place where – in some instances – varied coalitions sometimes form – it remains that each party has its own view of the Union. On 22nd and 25th May next we shall have to choose the future policy of Europe from amongst the projects put forward.

Latest polls in the 28 Member States [4]

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Germany

96 MEPs

24 lists running

<http://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/en/fiche/Allemagne/>

Political Parties	European Political Affiliation	% of votes cast	No of MEPs
Christian Democratic Union (CDU)	EPP	37	37
Social Democratic Party (SPD)	S&D	27	27
Greens (DG)	Greens/EFA	9	9
Left Party (DL)	GUE/NGL	9	9
Alternative for Germany (AfD)	others	7	6
Liberal Democratic Party (FDP)	ALDE	3	4
Pirate Party (PP)	other	2,2	2
National-democratic Party (NPD)	others	1	1
Freie Wähler	ALDE	1.3	1

<http://www.infratest-dimap.de/umfragen-analysen/bundesweit/europatrend/2014/mai-ii/>

Austria

18 MEPs

10 lists running

<http://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/fiche/autriche/>

Political Parties	European Political Affiliation	% of votes cast	No of MEPs
People's Party (ÖVP)	EPP	24.33	5
Social Democratic Party (SPÖ)	S&D	23.67	5
Liberal Party (FPÖ)	NI	20.33	4
Neos-New Austria	ALDE	13	2
Greens	Greens/EFA	12.33	2

4. <http://www.europeanvoice.com/page/european-elections-2014-the-polls-european-voice/4014.aspx>
et
<http://www.electio2014.eu/fr/pollsandscenarios/polls#country>

Belgium
21 MEPs
Obligatory Vote
17 lists running

<http://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/en/fiche/belgique/>

Political Parties	European Political Affiliation	% of votes cast	No of MEPs
<i>Dutch Speaking College</i>			
New Flemish Alliance (N-VA)	Greens/EFA	15.25	3
Christian Democratic Party (CD&V)	EPP	11.9	2
Groen	Greens/EFA	8.85	2
Socialist Party (SP.A)	S&D	8.7	2
Flemish Liberals and Democrats (Open VLD)	ALDE	8	2
Vlaams Belang (VB)	ELD	2.52	1
<i>French Speaking College</i>			
Socialist Party (PS)	S&D	13.75	3
Reform Movement (MR)	ALDE	9.5	2
Humanist Democratic Centre (CDH)	EPP	8.15	1
Ecolo !	Greens/EFA	4.3	1
Labour Party	GUE/NGL	3.45	1
<i>German Speaking College</i>			
Social Christian Party (CSP)	EPP	0.2	1

Bulgaria
17 MEPs
22 lists running

<http://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/en/fiche/bulgarie/>

Political Parties	European Political Affiliation	% of votes cast	No of MEPs
Coalition for Bulgaria	S&D	32.9	6
Citizens for the European Development of Bulgaria (GERB)	EPP	29.1	5
Movement for rights and freedoms (DPS)	ALDE	10.6	2
Bulgaria without Censorship	others	9.4	2
Reforming Bloc	EPP	7	2

Source : <http://www.electio2014.eu/fr/pollsandscenarios/polls>

Cyprus

6 MEPs

12 lists running

<http://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/en/fiche/chypre/>

Political Parties	European Political Affiliation	% of votes cast	No of MEPs
Democratic Assembly (DISY)	EPP	41	3
Progressive Workers' Party (AKEL)	GUE/NGL	26.1	2
Democratic Party (DIKO)	S&D	13.2	1

Croatia

11 MEPs

25 lists running

<http://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/en/fiche/croatie/>

Political Parties	European Political Affiliation	% of votes cast	No of MEPs
Democratic Union (HDZ)	EPP	29,12	4
People's Party Coalition	ALDE	27,49	2
Social Democratic Party (SDP)	S&D		2
Sustainable Development (Odrzivi Razvoj)	Greens/EFA	12,53	1
Labour-Labour Party (HL-SR)	GUE/NGL	10,21	1
Alliance for Croatia	others	7,08	1
National Forum	ALDE	6.5	1

Denmark

13 MEPs

8 lists running

<http://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/en/fiche/danemark/>

Political Parties	European Political Affiliation	% of votes cast	No of MEPs
Danish People's Party (DF)	ELD	26	4
Liberal Party (V)	ALDE	24	3
Social Democratic Party (SD)	S&D	21	3
People's Movement against the European Union (Folk mod UE)	GUE/NGL	8,5	1
Social Liberal Party (RV)	ALDE	6,6	1
Socialist People's Party	Greens/EFA	6,1	1

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Spain
54 MEPs

41 lists running

<http://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/en/fiche/espagne/>

Political Parties	European Political Affiliation	% of votes cast	No of MEPs
People's Party (PP)	EPP	32.95	21
Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE)	S&D	29.23	19
Izquierda Unida (IU)	GUE/NGL	10.38	5
Izquierda Plural (IU)	Greens/EFA		1
Union, Progress and Democracy (UPyD)	others	6.1	3
Catalan Democratic Convergence	ALDE	5.5	1
Basque Party	ALDE		1
Catalan Democratic Union	EPP		1
Green Coalition	Greens/EFA	2.9	1
Citizens' Party	others	2.1	1

Estonia
6 MEPs

8 lists running + 18 independent candidates

<http://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/en/fiche/estonie/>

Political Parties	European Political Affiliation	% of votes cast	No of MEPs
Social Democratic Party (SDE)	S&D	28	2
Reform Party (ER)	ALDE	25	2
Centre Party (K)	ALDE	22	1
Union of Pro-patria-Res Publica (IRL)	EPP	19	1

Finland
13 MEPs

12 lists running

<http://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/en/fiche/finlande/>

Political Parties	European Political Affiliation	% of votes cast	No of MEPs
Conservative Assembly (KOK)	EPP	23.8	4
Centre Party (KESK)	ALDE	18.1	3
True Finns (PS)	ELD	17.8	2
Social Democratic Party (SPD)	S&D	16.5	2
Green League (Vihr)	Greens/EFA	9.7	1
Left Alliance	GUE/NGL	7.8	1

<http://www.europeanvoice.com/page/4030.aspx?LG=1>

France

74 MEPs

8 constituencies

193 lists running

<http://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/en/fiche/france/>

Political Parties	European Political Affiliation	% of votes cast	No of MEPs
Union for a Popular Movement(UMP)	EPP	23	24
National Front (FN)	NI	22	20
Socialist Party (PS)	S&D	16	14
Alternative (UDI-MoDem)	ALDE	10	7
Europe Ecology-Greens (EE-LV)	Greens/EFA	9	5
Left Front (FG)	GUE/NGL	7	4

http://www.opinion-way.com/pdf/opinionway-clai_metronews_lci_europeennes_12_mai_2014.pdf

Greece

21 MEPs

42 lists running

<http://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/en/fiche/grece/>

Political Parties	European Political Affiliation	% of votes cast	No of MEPs
Radical Left Coalition (SYRIZA)	GUE/NGL	27.1	7
New Democracy (ND)	EPP	25.1	6
To potami	others	9.2	2
Golden Dawn (CA)	others	9.2	2
ELIA - Panhellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK)	S&D	6.6	1
Communist Party (KKE)	GUE/NGL	6.5	1
AE	ELD	4.4	1
DA	S&D	3.2	1

Hungary

21 MEPs

8 lists running

<http://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/en/fiche/hongrie/>

Political Parties	European Political Affiliation	% of votes cast	No of MEPs
Alliance of Young Democrats- Civic Union (FIDESZ-MPP)	EPP	46.6	10
Movement for a Better Hungary (Jobbik)	NI	22.2	5
Unity (O)	S&D	21.4	5
Politics can be Different (LMP)	Greens/EFA	5.3	1

Ireland

11 MEPs

3 constituencies

7 lists running + independent candidates

<http://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/en/fiche/irlande/>

Political Parties	European Political Affiliation	% of votes cast	No of MEPs
Fine Gael (FG)	EPP	25	4
Fianna Fail (FF)	ALDE	21	3
Sinn Fein (SF)	GUE/NGL	18	2
Independents	ALDE	22	1
Independents	others		1

Italy

73 MEPs

5 constituencies

27 lists running

<http://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/en/fiche/italie/>

Political Parties	European Political Affiliation	% of votes cast	No of MEPs
Democratic Party (PD)	S&D	33.6	27
Five Stars Movement (M5s)	others	24.1	19
Forza Italia (FI)	EPP	18.3	15
New Centre Right (NCD)	EPP	5.46	4
Northern League (LN)	ELD	5.1	4
The Other Europe (with Tsipras)	GUE/NGL	4	3
People's Party of South Tyrol	EPP	0.5	1

Latvia

8 MEPs

13 lists running

<http://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/en/fiche/lettonie/>

Political Parties	European Political Affiliation	% of votes cast	No of MEPs
Harmony Centre (SC)	GUE/NGL	35,45	2
Harmony Centre (SC)	S&D		1
Unity (Vienotiba, V)	EPP	23.81	2
Greens and Farmers Union (ZZS)	others	16.14	2
Union for the Fatherland and Freedom (TB/LNNK)	ECR	12	1
NSL	others	6.9	1

Lithuania

11 MEPs

15 lists running

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Political Parties	European Political Affiliation	% of votes cast	No of MEPs
Social Democratic Party (LSP)	S&D	37,9	5
For Order and Justice (TT)	ELD	14	2
Labour Party (DP)	ALDE	10 ;7	1
Homeland Union -Conservatives (TS-LK)	EPP	10.3	1
LRLS	ALDE	8.6	1
LLRA	ECR	4.8	1

Luxembourg

6 MEPs

<http://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/en/fiche/luxembourg/>

Political Parties	European Political Affiliation	% of votes cast	No of MEPs
Christian Social Party (PCS/CVS)	EPP	33,68	3
Socialist Workers' Party(POSL/LSAP)	S&D	20,28	1
Democratic Party (PD/DP)	ALDE	18,25	1
The Greens/Dei Greng (LV-DG)	Greens/EFA	10,13	1

Malta

6 MEPs

7 lists running

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Political Parties	European Political Affiliation	% of votes cast	No of MEPs
Labour Party (MLP)	S&D	54,50	3
Nationalist Party (PN)	EPP	42,50	3

Netherlands

26 MEPs

20 lists running

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Political Parties	European Political Affiliation	% of votes cast	No of MEPs
Democrats 66 (D 66)	ALDE	17.3	5
Freedom Party (PVV)	NA	16.6	5
People's Party for Freedom and Democracy (VVD)	ALDE	15.6	4
Socialist Party (SP)	GUE/NGL	13.5	4
Christian Democratic Appeal (CDA) (CDA)	EPP	10.8	3
Labour Party (PvdA)	S&D	8.4	2
Christian Union (SGP)	ECR	7.4	2
Greens	Greens/EFA	4	1

Poland

51 MEPs

13 constituencies

16 lists running

<http://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/en/fiche/pologne/>

Political Parties	European Political Affiliation	% of votes cast	No of MEPs
Civic Platform (PO)	EPP	34	20
Law and justice (PiS)	ECR	32	18
Democratic Left Alliance–Labour Union (SLD-UP)	S&D	10	5
Congress Party	others	10	5
People's Party (PSL)	EPP	5	2
Europa Plus-Your Movement	others	3	1

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Portugal

21 MEPs

17 lists running

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Political Parties	European Political Affiliation	% of votes cast	No of MEPs
Socialist Party (PS)	S&D	37.75	9
Social Democratic Party (PSD)	EPP	33.75	8
Communist Party/Green Coalition (CDU)	GUE/NGL	10.65	3
Left Bloc (BE)	GUE/NGL	6.10	1

Czech Republic

21 MEPs

38 lists running

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Political Parties	European Political Affiliation	% of votes cast	No of MEPs
Ano 2011	others	22.2	7
Social Democratic Party (CSSD)	S&D	14.1	5
Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia (KSCM)	GUE/NGL	11.1	3
Tradition, responsibility, prosperity 09 (TOP 09)	EPP	9.5	3
Christian Democratic Party (KDU-CSL)	EPP	6.83	2
Democratic Civic Party (ODS)	ECR	6.47	1

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Romania

32 MEPs

11 lists running

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Political Parties	European Political Affiliation	% of votes cast	No of MEPs
Social Democratic Party (PSD)	S&D	42.46	15
National Liberal Party (PNL)	ALDE	16.34	7
Democratic Liberal Party (PD-L)	EPP	10.91	4
People's Movement Party (PMP)	EPP	9.84	4
Democratic Union of Hungarians of Romania (UDMR)	EPP	5.76	2

UK
73 MEPs
12 constituencies
35 lists running

<http://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/en/fiche/royaume-uni/>

Political Parties	European Political Affiliation	% of votes cast	No of MEPs
UK Independence Party (UKIP)	ELD	34	24
Labour Party	S&D	24	20
Conservative Party (Cons)	ECR	22	20
Liberal Democrats (Lib-Dem)	ALDE	8	2
Greens	Greens/EFA	5,3	1
Scottish Party	Greens/EFA	2,1	2
Democratic Unionist Party	NA	0,9	1
Sinn Fein	GUE/NGL	0,9	1
Plaid Cymru	Greens/EFA	0,7	1
Ulster Unionist Party	ECR	0,3	1

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Slovakia
13 MEPs
29 lists running

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Political Parties	European Political Affiliation	% of votes cast	No of MEPs
Direction-Social Democracy (SMER-SD)	S&D	37,6	6
Party of Ordinary People and Independents (OL'aNO)	others	10	1
Christian Democratic Movement (KDH)	EPP	9	1
Most-Hid	others	7,9	1
Nova KDS OKS		6,2	1
Democratic and Christian –Democratic Party (SDKU-DS)	EPP	5,8	1
SMK		4,5	1
Liberty and Solidarity (SaS)	ALDE	3,5	1

Source : MVK polling agency

Slovenia

8 MEPs

6 lists running

<http://elections-europeennes.robert-schuman.eu/en/fiche/slovenie/>

Political Parties	European Political Affiliation	% of votes cast	No of MEPs
Democratic Party (SDS)	EPP	28	3
New Slovenia–People’s Party (NSi-SLS)	EPP	21	2
Verjanem List (I believe)	others	10	1
DESUS	others	7.4	1
Liberal Democracy (LDS)	ALDE	6.7	1

Sweden

20 MEPs

19 lists running

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Political Parties	European Political Affiliation	% of votes cast	No of MEPs
Social Democratic Party (SAP)	S&D	32.3	7
Moderate Assembly Party (M)	EPP	21.7	5
Environment Party – the Greens (MP)	Greens/EFA	16.1	3
People’s Party – the Liberals (FpL)	ALDE	8.1	2
Left Party (Vp)	GUE/NGL	5.8	1
Swedish Democrats (DS)	NA	4.1	1
Christian Democratic Party	EPP	3.7	1

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