

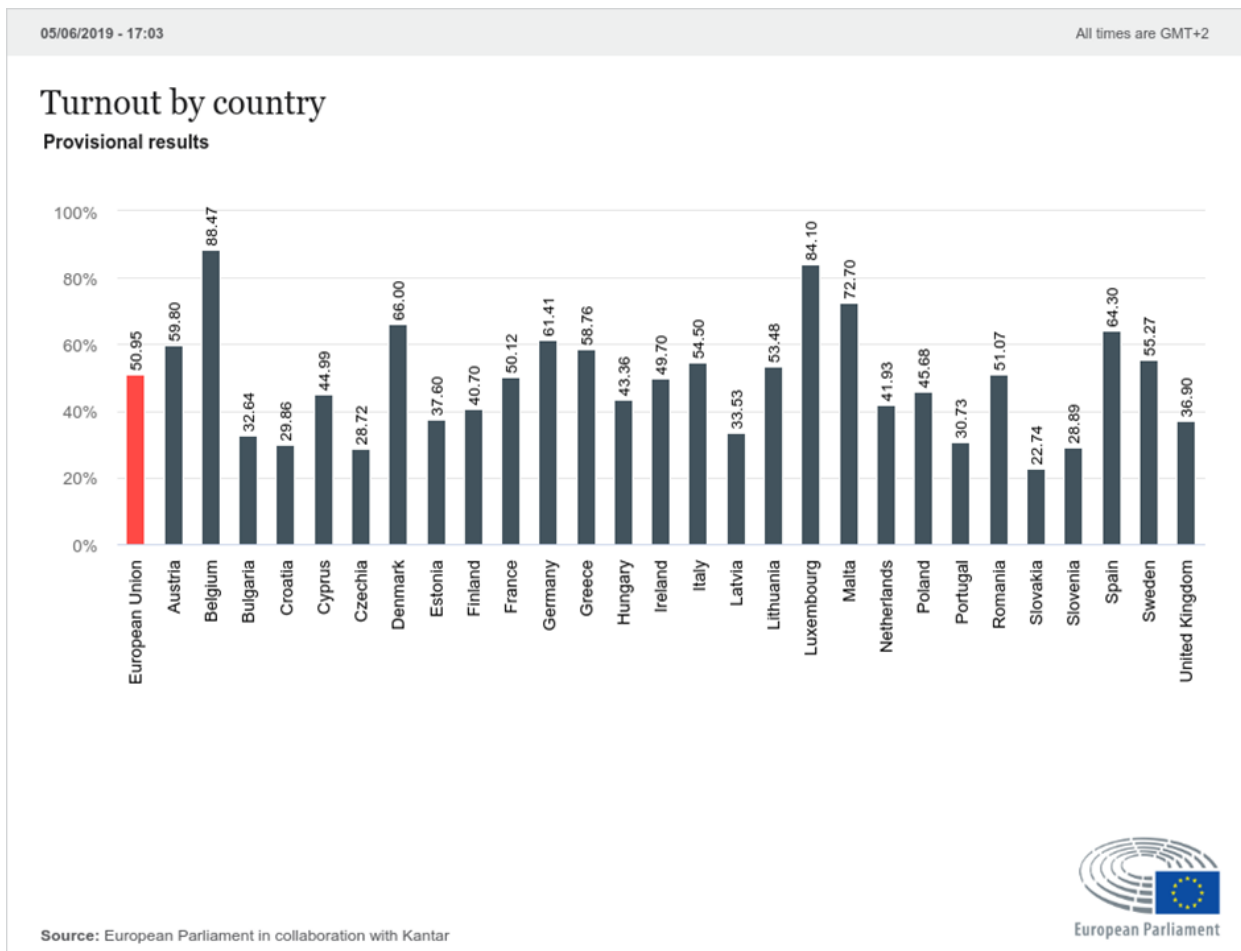
The “European Affairs in the Croatian Parliament” bulletin is published monthly by the European Affairs Department. It provides the reader with an overview of parliamentary activities in the field of EU affairs and inter-parliamentary cooperation as well as with access to EU documents forwarded to national parliaments.

In Focus

Elections for the European Parliament 2019.

The ninth elections for the European Parliament were held from 23 to 26 May 2019. European citizens have elected 751 Members of European Parliament (MEPs) for the period from 2019 to 2024. When the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union begins to produce legal effects, that is, after the 73 MEPs elected in the United Kingdom have left the European Parliament, 27 seats will be redistributed to 14 other member states, and the total number of MEPs will be reduced to 705. Croatia will receive one additional MEP during this redistribution, bringing the total number of Croatian MEPs in the European Parliament to 12.

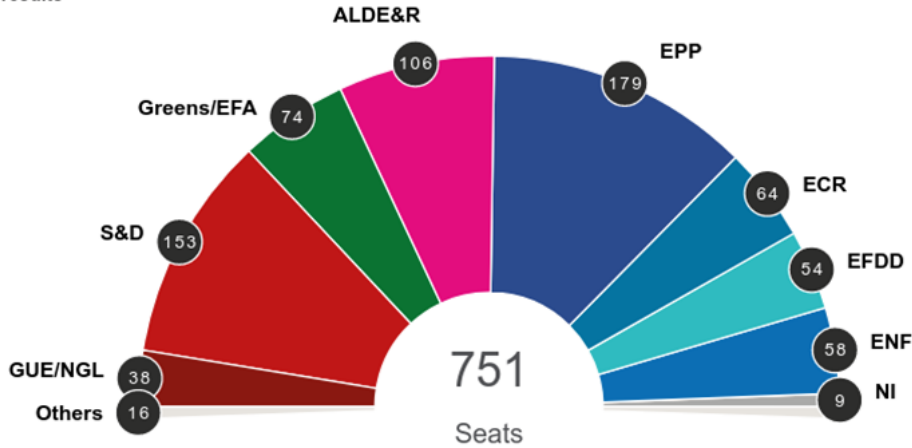
The European Parliament has launched a website with European election results, which contains the results of the last elections and the results of the previous European elections, available in all official languages of the EU.





European Parliament 2019 - 2024

Provisional results



Political groups in the European Parliament

- **EPP** - Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)
- **S&D** - Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament
- **ECR** - European Conservatives and Reformists Group
- **ALDE&R** - Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe + Renaissance + USR PLUS
- **GUE/NGL** - Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left
- **Greens/EFA** - Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance
- **EFDD** - Europe of Freedom and Direct Democracy Group
- **ENF** - Europe of Nations and Freedom Group
- **NI** - Non-attached Members
- **Others** - Newly elected Members not allied to any of the political groups set up in the outgoing Parliament

Since 2009, according to Parliament's rules of procedure, a political group shall consist of at least 25 Members elected in at least seven Member States.

Composition of the European Parliament based on available provisional or final national results published after voting has finished in all Member States, based on the structure of the outgoing Parliament.

Source: European Parliament in collaboration with Kantar



The period following the elections for the European Parliament is dedicated to the meetings of political parties and agreements on forming the political groups. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament (which shall enter into force on 2 July 2019), the political groups shall consist of at least 25 MPs elected in at least one-quarter of Member States.

The political groups inform the Secretary General of the European Parliament of their establishment one week before the constitutive session. The President shall announce the establishment of the political groups in the Parliament at the first session. Such announcement shall have a retroactive legal effect from the moment when the group notified its establishment to the President.



Activities of the Croatian Parliament in the Decision-Making Process

Activities of the parliamentary committees

Parliamentary committees discussed [European documents](#) in accordance with the [Work Programme for the Consideration of the Positions of the Republic of Croatia for 2019](#).

Monitoring the work of the Government in the European Union institutions

Council meetings

The Croatian Government submitted to the relevant parliamentary committees its positions for the Council meetings:

- 3688 Foreign Affairs Council;
- 3688-1 Foreign Affairs Council;
- 3689 Agriculture and Fisheries Council;
- 3690 Foreign Affairs Council;
- 3691 Economic and Financial Affairs Council;
- 3692 General Affairs Council;
- 3693 Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council;
- 3694 Competition Council;
- 3695 Foreign Affairs Council.

EU documents Forwarded Directly to the Croatian Parliament

According to the Protocol (no 1) on the Role of the National Parliaments in the European Union, all draft laws and communications shall be forwarded directly to the national parliaments.

The Croatian Parliament publishes on a daily basis the EU documents received, along with the information on: document number, adoption procedure, transmission date and subsidiarity deadline.

In May 2019, EU institutions forwarded to the Croatian Parliament [14 documents](#): 11 draft laws, 3 communications and other non-binding documents.

Interparliamentary Cooperation in the European Union

Interparliamentary cooperation in the European Union encompasses the cooperation between the European Parliament and the national parliaments and the cooperation among the national parliaments in the frame of the parliamentary dimension of the Council Presidency.

In May 2019, the Croatian Parliament representatives participated in the following meeting:

8 May 2019 – Zagreb – Meeting with Chief EU negotiator for Brexit Michael Barnier

Chief EU negotiator for Brexit Michel Barnier visited the Croatian Parliament on Wednesday where he met with members of the European and Foreign Affairs committees. The main focus of the talks was on possible Brexit scenarios and the fact that negotiations on the new EU-UK relations could start during the Croatian EU Presidency.



Croatia takes over the six-month chairmanship of the EU on 1 January 2020.

Croatia's presidency of the Council of the EU in 2020 will be crucial for the EU's unity, Michel Barnier said to reporters outside the government offices in Zagreb.

We should work on the unity of 27 member-states so as to enable agreement with the United Kingdom, not against it but with it, because the UK will remain our partner and friend in any case, Barnier said.

He also said that one should start working as soon as possible on what, in his opinion, is more important than the divorce with Great Britain - a new, strong relationship within the EU.

Earlier in the day, Barnier met with Prime Minister Andrej Plenkovic, with whom later in the day he attended a dialogue with citizens on Europe's future at Zagreb's Faculty of Economics.

Interparliamentary activities in May 2019

23 – 25 May – Bucharest – LXI COSAC

