

European parliamentary elections

Nearly 380 million EU voters have the chance to elect members of the European Parliament, but voter apathy has seen turnout fall steadily from 62% in 1979 to 45.5% in 2004. General disillusion with politicians is likely to reduce turnout even further this year

★ EU population: 492m
 👤 MEPs to be elected: 736
 ▲ 2004 turnout

UK
 👤 72
 ▲ 38.5%

Ireland
 👤 12
 ▲ 60%

Belgium
 👤 22
 ▲ 90.8%

Luxembourg
 👤 6
 ▲ 90%

Spain
 👤 50
 ▲ 45%

Portugal
 👤 22
 ▲ 38%

Malta
 👤 5
 ▲ 82%

Italy
 👤 72
 ▲ 73%

France
 👤 72
 ▲ 43%

Germany
 👤 99
 ▲ 42.3%

Netherlands
 👤 25
 ▲ 39%

Denmark
 👤 13
 ▲ 47.8%

Poland
 👤 50
 ▲ 21%

Austria
 👤 17
 ▲ 42.4%

Slovenia
 👤 7
 ▲ 28%

Romania
 👤 33
 ▲ 30%*

Czech Rep.
 👤 22
 ▲ 28%

Slovakia
 👤 13
 ▲ 17%

Hungary
 👤 22
 ▲ 38%

Bulgaria
 👤 17
 ▲ 28.8%

Greece
 👤 22
 ▲ 63.4%

Cyprus
 👤 6
 ▲ 71%

Finland
 👤 13
 ▲ 41%

Estonia
 👤 6
 ▲ 27%

Latvia
 👤 8
 ▲ 41.3%

Lithuania
 👤 12
 ▲ 48.4%

Sweden
 👤 18
 ▲ 39%

