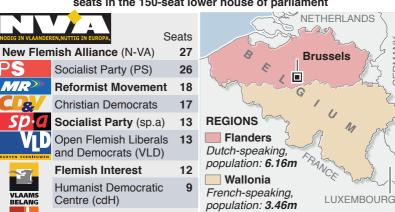# Candidates to be next Belgian prime minister

The Flemish separatist N-VA party – which wants to split Belgium between Dutch-speaking Flanders and French-speaking Wallonia – has won most seats in the 150-seat lower house of parliament

Party	Seats
New Flemish Alliance (N-VA)	27
Socialist Party (PS)	26
Reformist Movement	18
Christian Democrats	17
Socialist Party (sp.a)	13
Open Flemish Liberals and Democrats (VLD)	13
Flemish Interest	12
Humanist Democratic Centre (cdH)	9
Ecolo	8
Others	7

REGIONS

Flanders
Dutch-speaking, population: **6.16m**

Wallonia
French-speaking, population: **3.46m**

Brussels is officially bilingual

100km
60 miles

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BART DE WEVER, 39 Flemish nationalist and Chairman of separatist N-VA. De Wever's open support for eventual breakup of Belgium has attracted death threats. Known to be reluctant to be prime minister of united Belgium

ELIO DI RUPO, 58 Leader of francophone Socialist Party (PS). French- and Dutch-speaking socialists (sp.a) could combine to form largest group in parliament, making Di Rupo front-runner to be prime minister

MARIANNE THYSSEN, 53. Leader of Flemish Christian Democrats. Although CD&V lost six seats, other parties – N-VA, sp.a, PS, cdH and Ecolo – may turn to her as a compromise if they cannot agree on terms to form coalition