

# Dutch pro-European parties lead in polls

As Dutch voters prepare to elect a new lower house, polls predict that Prime Minister Mark Rutte's fiscally conservative Liberal Party would win the most seats, followed closely by the Labour Party



**Mark Rutte**  
Liberal Party

*Advocates austerity, forcing deficit back to below 3% ceiling next year*



**PvdA**



**Diederik Samsom**  
Labour Party

*Opposes tough austerity, arguing deficit ceiling should be reached gradually*



**Geert Wilders**  
Freedom Party

*Wants country to leave EU and euro while calling for a stop to "Islamisation"*



**Emile Roemer**  
Socialist Party

*Criticises EU's "regulation mania" and urges respect for national sovereignty*

## FORECAST OF SEAT DISTRIBUTION AFTER SEP 12 ELECTION

Ipsos Synovate online survey of 1,159 adults between Sep 3 and 5  
(Number in brackets shows 2010 election result)

