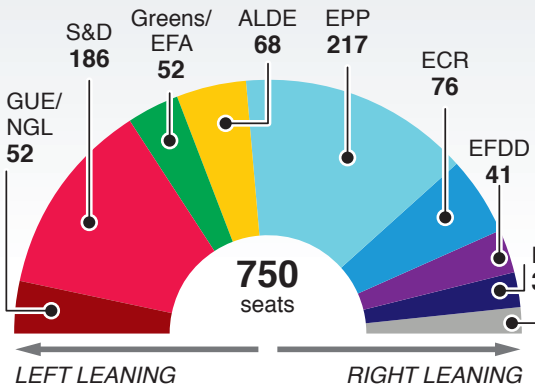


EU elections: Battle for the heart of Europe

Voters go to the polls to elect a new parliament representing more than 500m people across 28 EU member states. Polls indicate that the dominant centrist groups will lose their 40-year majority of seats as Eurosceptic parties gain ground

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT Current distribution

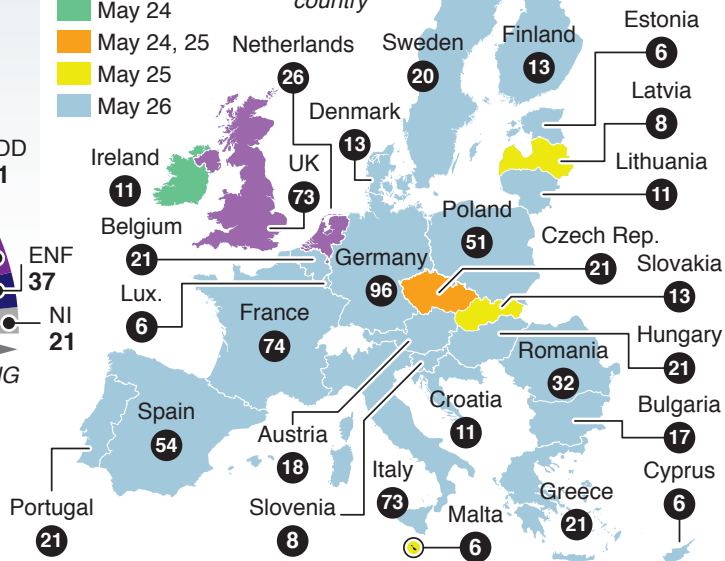


Polls suggest centre-left **S&D** and centre-right **EPP** will lose combined majority and will need support of other groups (most probably **Liberals** and **Greens**) to form majority coalition

VOTING PHASES

- May 23
- May 24
- May 24, 25
- May 25
- May 26

00 Number of MEPs by country*



EPP

European People's Party



Centre-right, pro-European Christian Democrats, dominated by Germany's **CDU/CSU**

Candidate for president of European Commission
Manfred Weber

S&D

Alliance of Socialists and Democrats

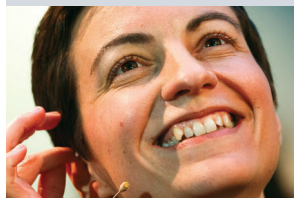


Centre-left, pro-European social democrats likely to be big loser, despite victory of Spain's **Socialist Party (PSOE)** in recent election

Frans Timmermans

Greens/EFA

Greens / European Free Alliance



Pro-European environmentalists form parliamentary bloc with regionalist MEPs from Catalonia, Wales and Scotland

Ska Keller †

ALDE

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe



Centrist and pro-European. **La République en Marche**, French president **Emmanuel Macron's** party, says it will ally with group but not join it

Guy Verhofstadt ‡

GUE/NGL

European United Left/ Nordic Green Left

Far-left parties opposed to fiscal austerity, including **La France Insoumise**, **Linke** from Germany, Spain's **Podemos** and **Syriza** from Greece

ECR

European Conservatives and Reformists

Eurosceptic conservatives set up by UK Tories and including Poland's **Law and Justice** party, **Danish People's Party (DPP)** and **Finns Party**

EFDD

Europe of Freedom and Direct Democracy

Eurosceptic group including far-right **Alternative for Germany (AfD)**, Italy's **Five Star Movement** and new **Brexit Party** in UK

ENF

Europe of Nations and Freedom

Far-right group, including Italy's **League**, France's **National Rally (NR)** §, Austria's **Freedom Party (FPÖ)** and Dutch **Party for Freedom (PVV)**

NI – Non-Inscrits

Members not attached to any recognised party groupings

Populist, anti-immigration parties, currently distributed between **EFDD**, **ENF** and **ECR** groups, intend to form new right-wing alliance after EU vote. Spearheaded by Italy's Deputy Prime Minister **Matteo Salvini**, **European Alliance of Peoples and Nations** will include **League**, **NR**, **AfD**, **FPÖ**, **DPP**, and **Finns Party**

* 751 (750 MEPs plus president). With Brexit still expected to go ahead, 27 of UK's 73 seats will be redistributed, and total will drop from 751 to 705

† Greens co-candidates are **Ska Keller** from Germany and **Bas Eickhout** from Netherlands. EFA candidate is imprisoned Catalan leader **Oriol Junqueras**

‡ Former Belgian Prime Minister **Guy Verhofstadt** and ex-European Commissioner **Emma Bonino** of Italy are among seven **ALDE** candidates

§ Formerly known as **National Front**