

EU Election Overview 2019

This is the election that matters. The makeup of the new Parliament is changing and will represent roughly 500 million people. Stay connected to what's going on as we cover every phase in detail.

Pre-elections



Formation of new EP and Commission



2018 NOV

7-8 NOV
EPP Congress
Helsinki, Finland
The EPP Congress focused on the election of the Group's lead candidate for next May's European Elections. The Spitzenkandidat was chosen at the Congress among two contenders: former Finnish Prime Minister, Alexander Stubb, and CSU's leader Manfred Weber whom emerged victorious.

8-10 NOV
ALDE Congress
Madrid, Spain
Unlike other groups, ALDE will present a slate of candidates (known as Campaign Team) instead of a single lead candidate in February 2019. This was decided at the Madrid Congress where ALDE Members started defining the party's strategy for the European Elections.

23-25 NOV
European greens
29th Council
Berlin, Germany
The European Greens selected their lead candidates during a congress in Berlin which took place over 23-25 November. The lead candidates chosen are Bas Eickhout, Dutch MEP and Ska Keller, German MEP. The Party also adopted their Manifesto for the elections.

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2019 JAN

Start of Romanian Presidency

14 DEC
Consultation on Campaign Team with ALDE Prime Ministers and Commissioners
Brussels, Belgium

7-8 DEC
PES Congress
Lisbon, Portugal
The Lisbon Congress provided the occasion for the European Socialists to ratify the nomination of the PES lead candidate Frans Timmermans. At the same time, the Party adopted a series of resolutions that will form the basis of the 2019 PES Manifesto.

2018 DEC

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2019 FEB

FEB
Target date for the end of negotiations between co-legislators
Co-legislators will aim to conclude trilogue negotiations on pending files by the end of February of 2019, to allow enough time for the approval of the resulting compromise text in the European Parliament before the final plenary session of 18 April 2019.

9 FEB
ALDE Campaign Launch & Electoral Meeting
Berlin, Germany
ALDE Campaign Team is expected to be endorsed at an electoral congress to be held in Berlin.

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2019 MAR

9 MAR
Slovak Presidential Elections

3 MAR
Estonian Parliamentary Elections

Start of the Electoral Campaign

2019 MAR

20 MAR
Dutch Provincial Elections

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29 MAR
Withdrawal of the UK from the EU

2019 APR

14 APR
Finnish Parliamentary Elections

15-18 APR
Last Plenary of the 8th legislature

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2019 MAY

23 MAY
European Elections in the Netherlands

23-26 MAY
EUROPEAN ELECTIONS

12 MAY
Lithuanian Presidential Elections

2 MAY
Northern Ireland Local Elections

24 MAY
Irish Local Elections
European elections in Ireland

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24-25 MAY
European elections in Czech Republic

25 MAY
European elections in Latvia, Malta and Slovakia

26 MAY
European elections in Austria, Belgium*, Bulgaria*, Croatia, Cyprus*, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece*, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg*, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden

*Compulsory voting

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Belgian Federal and Regional Election

TBD JUN
Latvian Presidential Elections

17 JUN
Denmark General Elections

Formation of political groups
The formation of a new Political Group requires 25 MEPs from 7 different Member States.

2019 JUN

Formation Phase



2019 JUL

Start of Finnish Presidency

2-5 JUL
Inaugural Plenary Session of the newly elected Parliament
MEPs will elect the bureau of the European Parliament (President, 14 Vice-Presidents and 5 Quaestors)

8-25 JUL
First Committee meetings and election of Committees' bureau

TBD JUL
European Parliament to vote on European Council Nomination of Commission President

Taking into account the European Parliament elections, the European Council has to propose a candidate for the post of President of the European Commission. The European Parliament must approve the proposed candidate by a majority of its members. The approved candidate will then choose Vice Presidents and Commissioners based on the recommendation from Member States.

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2019 OCT

Individual hearings of Commissioners before the Parliament
The commissioner-candidates appear individually before the Parliament's Committees to explain their political priorities and answer MEPs' questions.

2019 SEP

2019 AUG

Formation Phase



13 OCT
Portuguese General Elections

20 OCT
Greek General Elections

New Commission is expected to be confirmed by the European Parliament
After the hearings, the European Parliament votes to approve or reject the entire Commission. After being approved by the Parliament, the entire Commission is officially appointed by the European Council, through qualified majority.

OCT-NOV
Member States select new President of the European Council

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1 DEC

New President of the European Council takes office



30 NOV
End of the mandate of the President of the European Council

1 NOV
Target date for new Commission to take office

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