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Parties and Elections in Europe

Parliamentary Elections and Governments
since 1945
European Parliament Elections
Political Orientation and History of Parties

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INTRODUCTION

Reference Guide

PARTIES AND ELECTIONS IN EUROPE is a comprehensive reference guide to parliamentary elections, governments and political parties in the European countries:

- Basic data of more than 700 significant political parties: Founding years, political orientations, affiliations to political parties at European level, European Parliament groups, political internationals and other transnational organisations, websites.
- Chronological history of political parties: Origins, predecessors, historical predecessors, name changes, important mergers and splits [dissolved and minor parties without parliamentary representation are usually not listed].
- Parliamentary elections since 1945 [elections to upper houses in bicameral legislatures are not listed].
- Elections to the European Parliament since 1979.
- Governments since 1945: Heads of states, heads of governments, government parties (parties in cabinet) [acting office-holders, military rulers and office-holders in the former one-party states are usually not listed].

The country studies are generally divided into four main chapters:

A) Parties

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|-------------|--|
| ○ Party | Name |
| Foundation | Founding year |
| Orientation | Political classification |
| Affiliation | Memberships in political parties at European level, political internationals and other transnational organisations |
| EP Group | Memberships in parliamentary groups in the European Parliament |
| Website | Official internet presence |
| Chronology | Origins, predecessors, name changes, mergers and splits |

B) Parliamentary elections [national elections]

C) Elections to the European Parliament

D) Governments

Latest election results are usually available on the corresponding website of Parties and Elections in Europe (www.parties-and-elections.eu). The website was established by the author in 1997.

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Abbreviations

Est.	Establishment
[]	Note
+	Merger, accession
–	Separation, withdrawal
#	Renaming, reorganisation
»	Transition, affiliation
→	See
...	Not specified
S.	Seats
N/A	Not available
MP	Member of Parliament
MEP	Member of the European Parliament