

The ELDR Party keeps you up to date with the latest information and composition of the new European Parliament following the elections.

The preliminary balance of power in the new Parliament as outlined below, is based on the existence of the previous parliamentary groups, which are however not likely to remain in the same manner.

The liberal group:

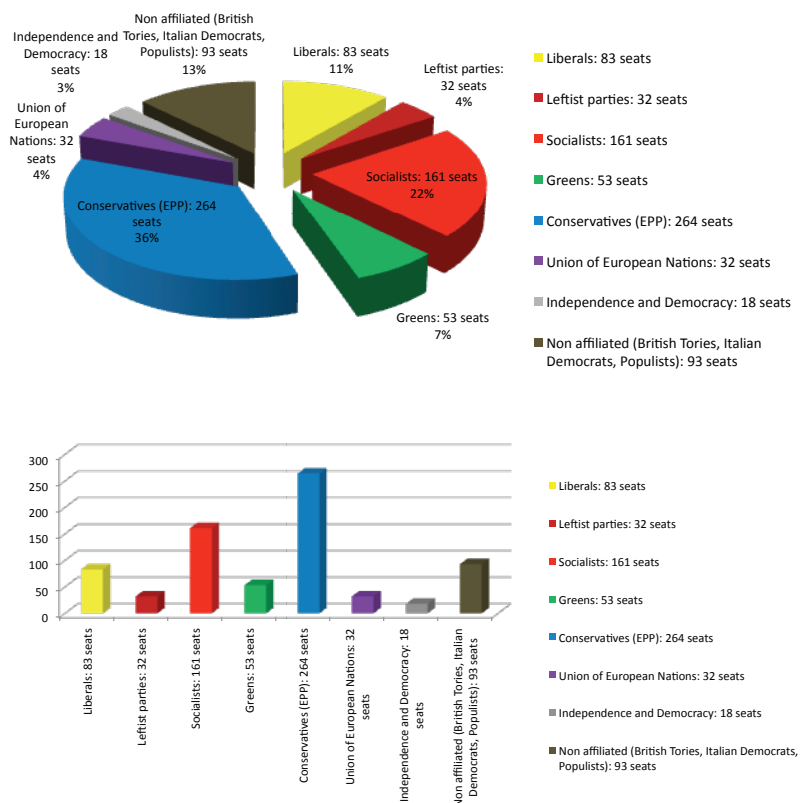
The previous liberal group, ALDE, was composed of 75 MEPs from ELDR member parties and 25 MEPs from another European party (European Democratic Party) consisting mainly of the French Movement Démocrate (MoDem) and the Italian Margherita, now Partito Democratico (PD).

While the 21 newly elected Italian MEPs from PD may join the socialist group, MoDem returned with 6 (-5) seats to the Parliament.

Preliminary results (not all national results are yet officially confirmed) show that ELDR member parties only lost one seat and will return with 74 liberal MEPs to the Parliament. Considering the smaller Parliament and the losses of socialists and conservatives this is a **liberal victory**.

As for now a **new liberal group** is likely to comprise **83 members**, including **74 ELDR members** and 9 non-ELDR affiliated members.

New European Parliament based on previous grouping



You can view the gallery of elected liberal MEPs at [www.voteliberal2009.eu](http://www.voteliberal2009.eu)



# Did you know that...

- **32** out of 74 ELDR MEPs **are women** (43%)
- Ireland's ruling party **Fianna Fail became a member** of the European Liberals in April 2009. Their 3 MEPs are now expected to join the liberal group. In the previous Parliament they were members of the Union for Europe of the Nations Group (UEN)
- Two **previous liberal Prime Ministers were elected as new MEPs**: Guy Verhofstadt, OpenVLD, Belgium and Ivars Godmanis, LPP/LC, Latvia
- Two **liberal European Commissioners were elected as new MEPs**: Meglena Kuneva, NMSS, Bulgaria and Louis Michel, MR, Belgium
- The **25 British MEPs** from the Conservative Party are likely to **form a new group** next to the biggest group in Parliament, the conservative **European People's Party**.
- **Other members** of this new group might be the **Law and Justice Party** of Poland's President Lech Kaczyński and the **members of ODS** from the Czech Republic. However, note that the formation of a political group requires members from at least 7 Member States and a minimum number of 25 MEPs.
- The **Eurosceptic, populist, and nationalist parties** are an unknown quantity comprising **a wide range of varying political views** such as: British National Party; Front National from France; Lega Nord from Italy; Independence Party from UK; Geert Wilders Party for Freedom from the Netherlands; Vlaams Belang from Belgium; Danish People's Party; Greater Romania Party from Romania; Jobbik from Hungary and the True Finns Party from Finland.
- Given this vast array of parties it is **difficult to foresee the number and shape of new parliamentary groups**



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