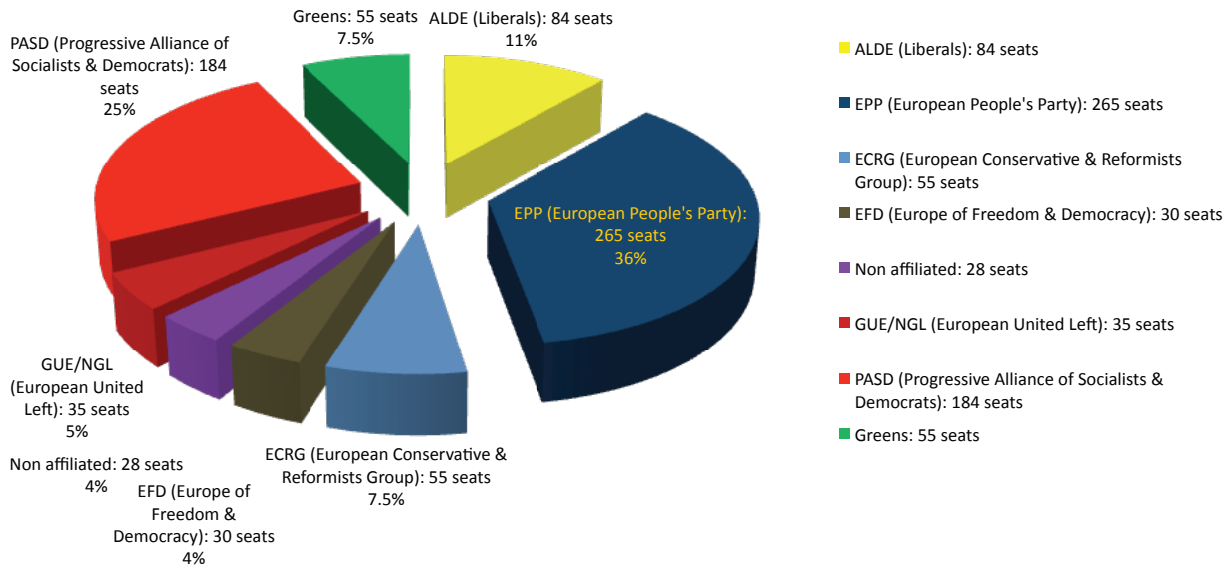


European elections update (8th July 2009)

With the 4th liberal bulletin the ELDR Party keeps you up to date with the latest developments and makeup of the new European Parliament.

Preliminary make up of European Parliament 09-14

as of 08 July 2009



The European Parliament will not vote on the re-appointment of Jose Manuel Barroso as European Commission President in its first parliamentary session on 14-15 July. Since the liberal parliamentary group adopted its 5 point plan (see 3rd ELDR bulletin) the current Swedish Presidency of the EU decided not to further push for a vote in the constituent meeting of the European Parliament next week in Strasbourg.

European Liberals think this is the right step! We want to see the official nomination of Jose Manuel Barroso by the European Council first. Then the candidate must present and defend a political programme which will be subject to approval by the Parliament.

In the meantime Barroso declared himself not being a liberal, according to an interview in the French newspaper Le Figaro. **European Liberals will push for putting the liberal mark on the next Commission President.**

The liberal group in the Parliament will present its political statement – its vision for a liberal Europe – to the candidate for European Commission President. “This shall be the working contract for the next President of the Commission”, German liberal MEP Wolf Klinz said.

The liberal group leader Guy Verhofstadt presently negotiates a tripartite agreement with conservatives and socialists in the Parliament to ensure the most favorable distribution of positions for liberals. Parts of these negotiations include the possible chairmanship of two parliamentary committees such as the important economic committee and a likely new temporary committee on the financial crisis. Today Graham Watson has withdrawn from the European Parliament Presidency contest.

Liberals will ensure the best possible outcome for liberal policies to be turned into legislation.

Did you know that...

- The Europe of Freedom and Democracy Group (EFD) has been formed last week. It constitutes yet another movement on the right fringes of the new Parliament and the 7th parliamentary group to be formed. Led by the UK Independence Party (UKIP) and the Lega Nord from Italy the group is likely to be taken hostage by individual MEPs from one-country-delegations who provide the necessary numbers to form a group according the procedural rules of the Parliament
- UKIP already announced that they will campaign against the Lisbon Treaty in a second Irish referendum. Doesn't UKIP know that the Lisbon Treaty provides an exit clause enabling member states for the first time in EU primary law to quit the European Union?

Stay tuned!

ELDR will keep you up to date with what liberals will achieve in the European Parliament and where liberals will make the difference.



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