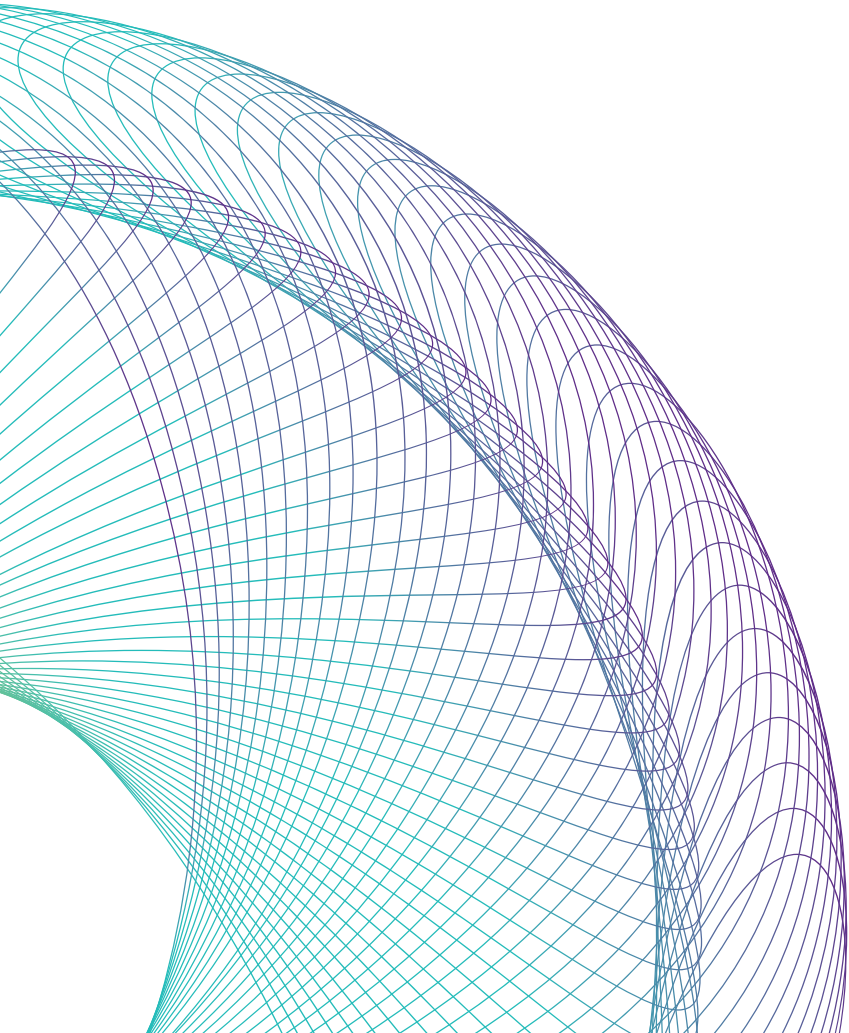


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An Easy Guide to the European Parliament Elections



Section 1: Infographic on the European Parliament

Introduction

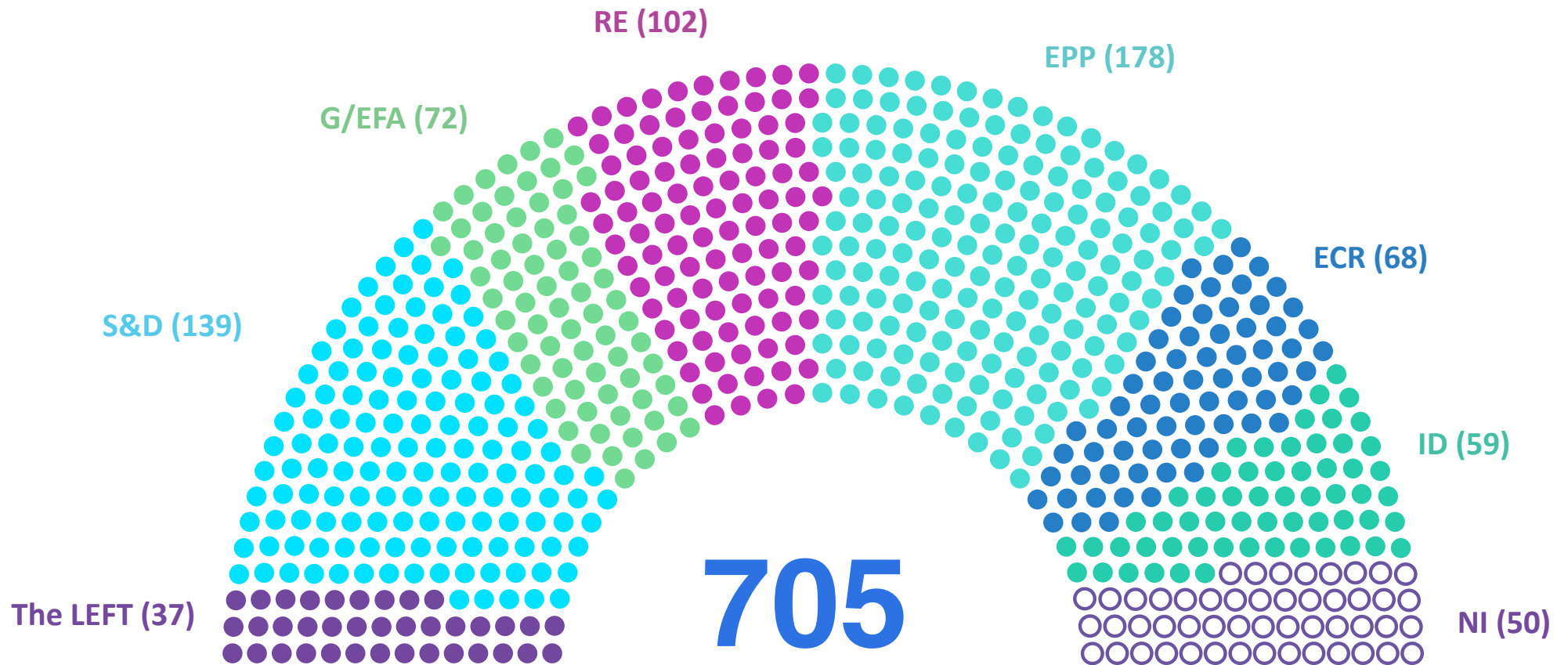
This year, between 6-9 June 2024, 400 million EU citizens will be eligible to vote in the elections for the European Parliament and choose the **720 MEPs** that will represent them for the **next five years** in the Parliament.

- Members of the European Parliament (MEP) sit in political groups organised by political orientation rather than nationality.
- Political groups in the European Parliament must have a minimum of 23 members from at least one-quarter of the Member States (i.e., seven EU Member States).
- MEPs may not belong to more than one political group, and some MEPs do not belong to any political group. These MEPs are known as non-attached Members, or by the French term, non-inscrits (NI).

There are currently seven political groups (and the non-attached members) in the European Parliament.



The Current Composition of the European Parliament



Section 2: Infographic on the European Parliament Groups

The following seven infographics examine each Political Group in detail, indicate the number of MEPs in the Group, their political orientation, give an example of the bigger political parties in the Groups and indicate whether or not Irish MEPs are part of the group.

The Group of the European People's Party – Christian Democrats (EPP)

Current size:

178
MEPs



Political Orientation:
Christian democratic,
liberal-conservative,
and pro-European

Examples of national parties belonging to EPP



Christian Democratic
Union (DE)



People's Party (ES)



National Liberal
Party (RO)



Irish MEPs and parties that currently sit with the EPP: Fine Gael

The Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament (S&D)

Current size:

139
MEPs



Political Orientation:
Social democratic,
centre-left, and
pro-European

Examples of national parties belonging to S&D



Spanish Socialist
Workers' Party (ES)



Social Democratic
Party of Germany (DE)



Democratic Party
(IT)



Irish MEPs and parties that currently sit with the S&D: None

Renew Europe (RE)

Current size:

102
MEPs



Political Orientation:

Liberal, centrist, and
pro-European

Examples of national parties belonging to RE



Renaissance (FR)



FDP (DE)



ANO11 (CZ)



Irish MEPs and parties that currently sit with RE: Fianna Fáil

The Greens/European Free Alliance in the European Parliament (G/EFA)

Current size:

72
MEPs



Political Orientation:

Green, centre-left, regionalist,
pro-European, and, in some
cases separatist

Examples of national parties belonging to G/EFA



Alliance 90/The
Greens (DE)



The Ecologists-
EELV (FR)



GreenLeft (NL)



Irish MEPs and parties that currently sit with G/EFA: Green Party

The European Conservatives and Reformists (ECR)

Current size:

68
MEPs



Political Orientation:

Combines socially conservative, and right wing populist, christian democratic elements, and soft Eurosceptic

Examples of national parties belonging to ECR



Law and Justice (PL)



Brothers of Italy (IT)



Vox (ES)



Irish MEPs and parties that currently sit with ECR: None

Identity and Democracy (ID)

Current size:

59
MEPs



Political Orientation:
Right-wing nationalist,
right-wing populist,
and hard Eurosceptic

Examples of national parties belonging to ID



Lega (IT)



National Rally (FR)



Alternative for
Germany (DE)



Irish MEPs and parties that currently sit with ID: None

The LEFT in the European Parliament – GUE/NGL (LEFT)

Current size:

37
MEPs



Political Orientation:

Democratic socialist, left-wing, green, feminist, and soft Eurosceptic

Examples of national parties belonging to the LEFT



La France Insoumise (FR)



The Left (DE)



PODEMOS (ES)



Irish MEPs and parties that currently sit with LEFT:
Independents4Change, Luke 'Ming' Flanagan, and Sinn Féin

Non-Inscrits (NI)

National parties which are not affiliated with any EP Group are referred to as non-inscrits

Current size:

50
MEPs



Political Orientation:

Geographically and politically diverse, with a common link of not belonging to a recognized European Parliament political group

Examples of national parties belonging to NI



Fidesz (HU)



5 Star Movement (IT)



Together for
Catalonia (ES)

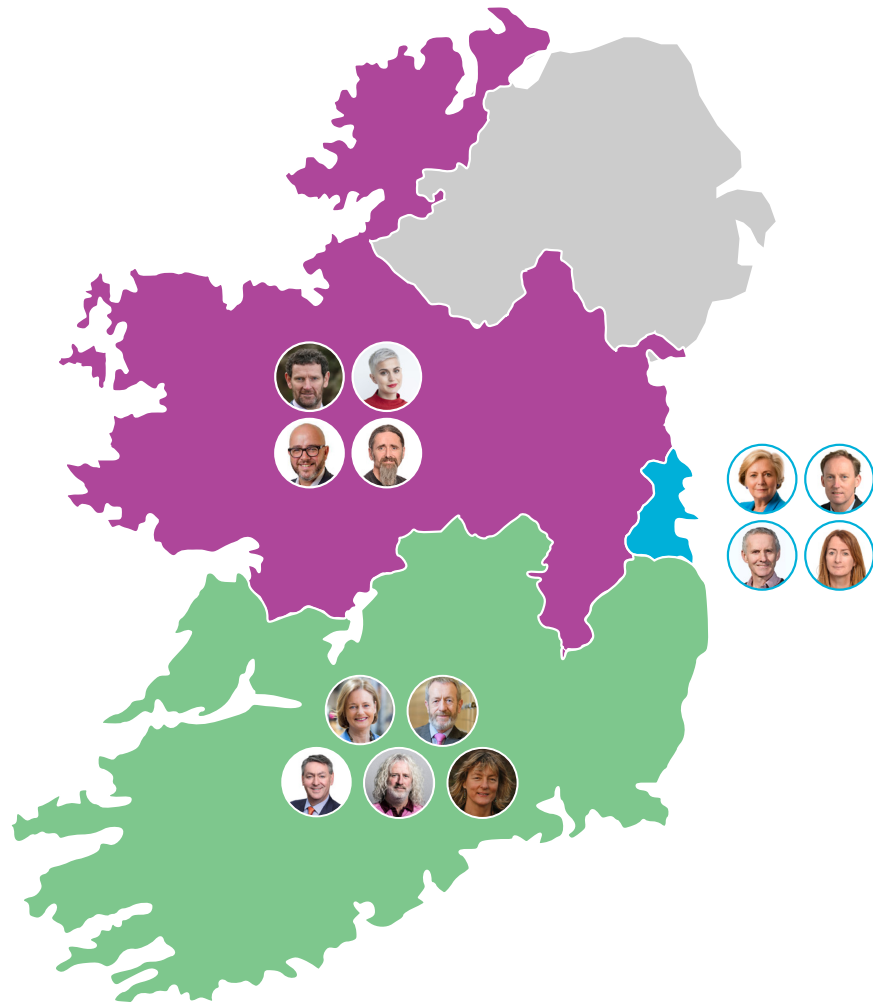


Irish MEPs and parties that currently sit with NI: None

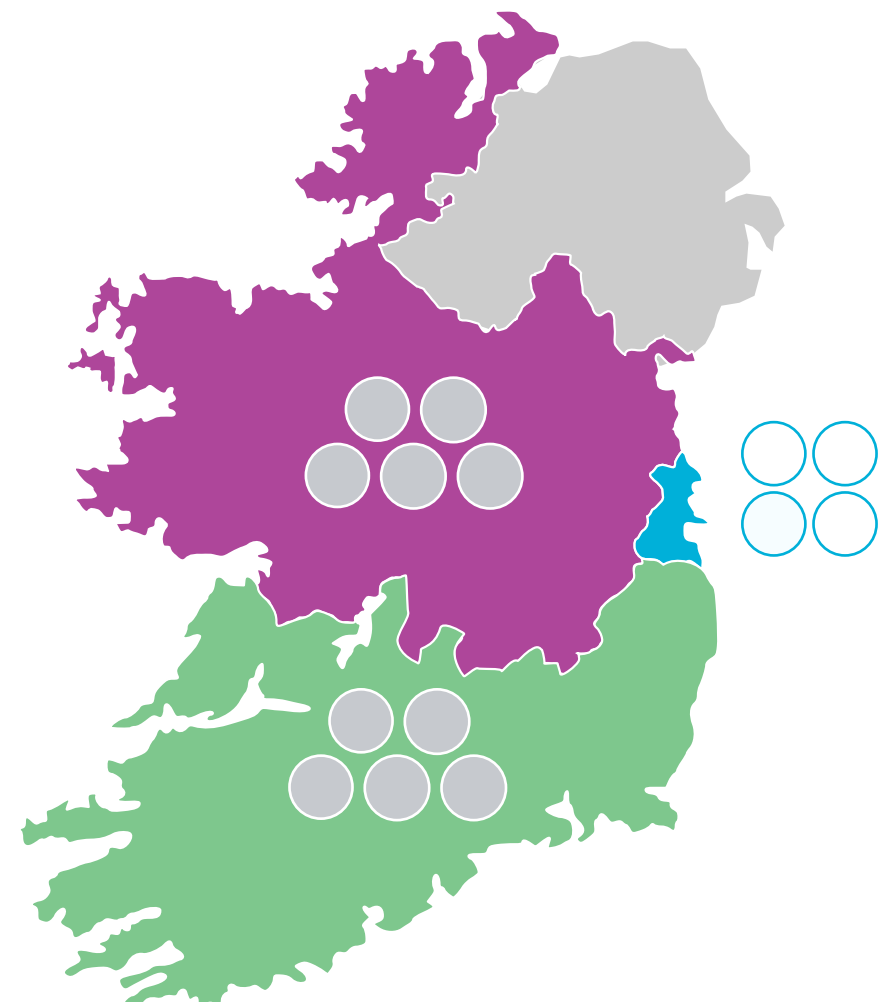
Section 3: Infographic on Ireland in the European Parliament

European Parliament Constituencies in Ireland

2019-2024



2024-2029



Current Irish MEPs

South

Deirdre Clune

European Parliament group: EPP
National party: Fine Gael
Constituency: South
First elected to the European
Parliament: 2014
Running for re-election in 2024: ✗



Seán Kelly

European Parliament group: EPP
National party: Fine Gael
Constituency: South
First elected to the European
Parliament: 2009
Running for re-election in 2024: ✓



Billy Kelleher

European Parliament group: RE
National party: Fianna Fáil
Constituency: South
First elected to the European
Parliament: 2019
Running for re-election in 2024: ✓



Grace O'Sullivan

European Parliament group: G/EFA
National party: Green Party
Constituency: South
First elected to the European Parliament: 2019
Running for re-election in 2024: ✓



Mick Wallace

European Parliament group: LEFT
National party: Independents4Change
Constituency: South
First elected to the European Parliament: 2019
Running for re-election in 2024: ✓



Midlands-North-West

Colm Markey

European Parliament group: EPP
National party: Fine Gael
Constituency: Midlands–North-West
First elected to the European Parliament:
2020 (Replaced Mairead McGuinness)
Running for re-election in 2024: ✓



Chris MacManus

European Parliament group: LEFT
National party: Sinn Féin
Constituency: Midlands–North-West
First elected to the European Parliament:
2020 (Replaced Matt Carthy)
Running for re-election in 2024: ✓



Luke ‘Ming’ Flanagan

European Parliament group: LEFT
National party: Independent
Constituency: Midlands–North-West
First elected to the European Parliament: 2014
Running for re-election in 2024: ✓



Maria Walsh

European Parliament group: EPP
National party: Fine Gael
Constituency: Midlands–North-West
First elected to the European Parliament: 2019
Running for re-election in 2024: ✓



Dublin

Frances Fitzgerald

European Parliament group: EPP
National party: Fine Gael
Constituency: Dublin
First elected to the European Parliament: 2019
Running for re-election in 2024: ✗



Barry Andrews

European Parliament group: RE
National party: Fianna Fáil
Constituency: Dublin
First elected to the European Parliament: 2020
(After the post-Brexit seat redistribution)
Running for re-election in 2024: ✓



Ciarán Cuffe

European Parliament group: G/EFA
National party: Green Party
Constituency: Dublin
First elected to the European Parliament: 2019
Running for re-election in 2024: ✓



Clare Daly

European Parliament group: LEFT
National party: Independents4Change
Constituency: Dublin
First elected to the European Parliament: 2019
Running for re-election in 2024: ✓



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