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# A Post-Election Guide to the New European Parliament, 2024-2029



## Introduction

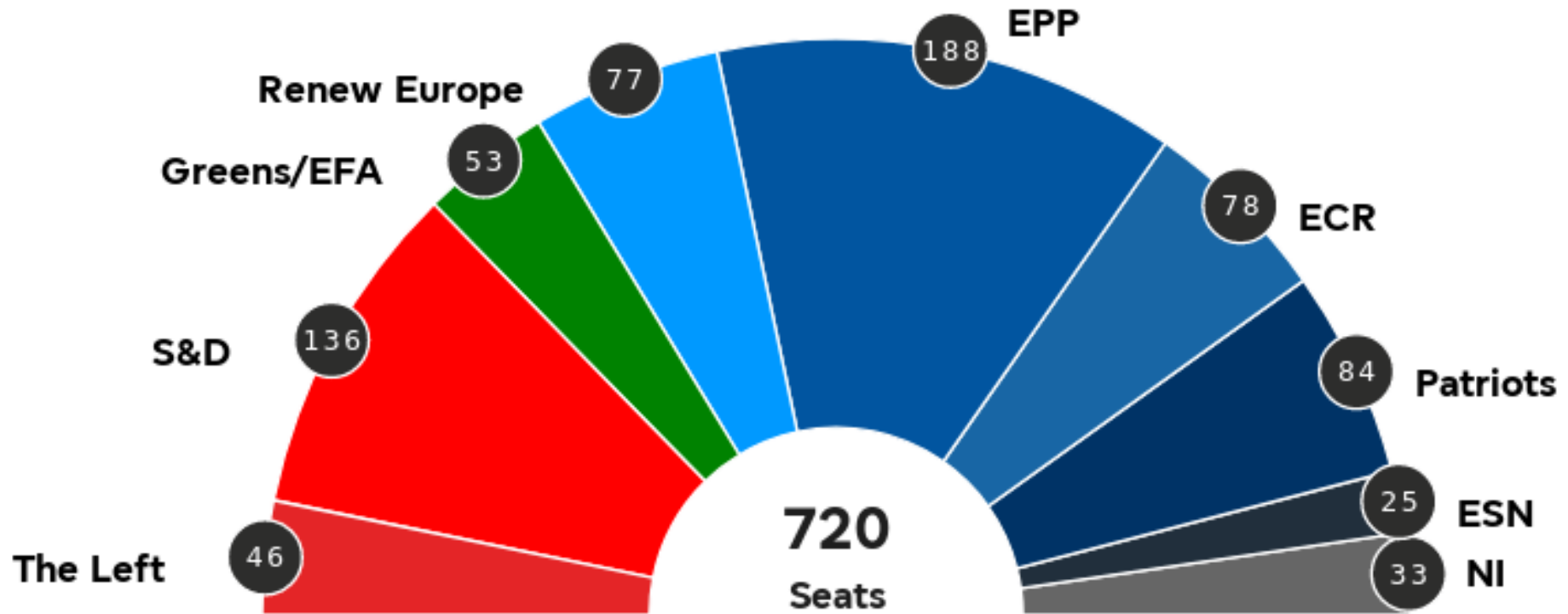
The European Parliament elections this year, which took place across the 27 Member States between 6-9 June, saw the highest turnout since the 1994 election at 51.05%. 720 Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) were elected to the European Parliament that divides its time between the Bâtiment Louise-Weiss in Strasbourg and Espace Léopold in Brussels and represent European citizens in EU policymaking for the next five years.

A few interesting facts are worth noting:

- MEPs 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., 7 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.

The first plenary of the Parliament in Strasbourg took place on 16-19 July 2024. Ahead of this sitting, eight political groups (and the non-attached members) emerged, one more than during the previous 2019-2024 Parliamentary term. The Identity and Democracy (ID) group, which was formed after the 2019 election, disbanded in the aftermath of the 2024 elections. A minority of ID member parties broke away to form the ultranationalist far-right Europe of Sovereign Nations group, dominated by Alternative for Germany. The majority of ID members – together with a number of other national parties such as the party of former Czech Prime Minister Andrej Babiš, ANO2011, the party of Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán, Fidesz, and Vox from Spain – formed the new Patriots for Europe (PFE) group. Upon its creation, PFE became the third largest political group in the European Parliament. Although, the group's influence may not reflect its size due to other political groups' unwillingness to work with the far-right.

## The New European Parliament, 2024-2029 - Seats



Available at: <https://results.elections.europa.eu/en/european-results/2024-2029/>

# Infographic on the European Parliament Groups

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

Current size:

**188**  
MEPs



## Political Orientation:

Christian democratic, liberal-conservative, and pro-European

**Group chair:** Manfred Weber

## Examples of national parties belonging to EPP



Christian Democratic  
Union (DE)



People's Party  
(ES)



Civic Coalition  
(PL)



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:

**136**  
MEPs



## Political Orientation:

Social democratic, centre-left,  
and pro-European

**Group chair:** Iratxe García Pérez

## Examples of national parties belonging to S&D



Democratic Party (IT)



Spanish Socialist  
Workers' Party (ES)



Social Democratic Party  
of Germany  
(DE)



Socialist Party  
(FR)



Irish MEPs and parties that currently sit with the S&D: Labour Party

# The Patriots for Europe (PFE)

Current size:

**84**  
MEPs



## Political Orientation:

Right-wing nationalist, right-wing populist, and hard Eurosceptic

**Group chair:** Jordan Bardella

## Examples of national parties belonging to PFE



National Rally (FR)



Fidesz (HU)



Lega (IT)



Freedom Party of Austria (AU)



Irish MEPs and parties that currently sit with the PFE: None

# The European Conservatives and Reformists (ECR)

Current size:

**78**  
MEPs



## Political Orientation:

National-conservative, right-wing populist, and soft Eurosceptic

**Group chair:** Joachim Brudziński and Nicola Procaccini

## Examples of national parties belonging to ECR



Brothers of Italy (IT)



Law and Justice (PL)



AUR Alliance (RO)



Civic Democratic Party (CZ)



Irish MEPs and parties that currently sit with the ECR: None

# Renew Europe (RE)

Current size:

**77**  
MEPs



**Political Orientation:** Liberal, centrist, and pro-European  
**Group chair:** Valérie Hayer

## Examples of national parties belonging to RE



Ensemble (FR)



Progressive Slovakia  
(SK)



Free Democratic Party  
(DE)



People's Party  
for Freedom and  
Democracy (NL)



Irish MEPs and parties that currently sit with the RE: Fianna Fáil, Independent Ireland, and Michael McNamara

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

Current size:

**53**  
MEPs



**Political Orientation:** Green politics, regionalist, pro-European, and, in some cases, separatist  
**Group chairs:** Bas Eickhout and Terry Reintke

## Examples of national parties belonging to G/EFA



Alliance 90/  
The Greens (DE)



The Ecologists -  
EELV (FR)



GreenLeft (NL)



Socialist People's  
Party (DK)



Irish MEPs and parties that currently sit with the G/EFA: None

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

Current size:

**46**  
MEPs



**Political Orientation:** Democratic socialist, eco-socialist, left-wing populist, soft Eurosceptic, and, in some cases, communist

**Group chairs:** Manon Aubry and Martin Schirdewan

## Examples of national parties belonging to LEFT



La France Insoumise  
(FR)



5 Star Movement  
(IT)



Left Alliance (FI)



DIE LINKE (DE)



Irish MEPs and parties that currently sit with the G/EFA: : Luke 'Ming' Flanagan and Sinn Féin

# Europe of Sovereign Nations (ESN)

Current size:

**25**  
MEPs



**Political Orientation:** Extreme right-wing, ultranationalist, and hard Eurosceptic

**Group chairs:** René Aust and Stanisław Tyszka

## Examples of national parties belonging to ESN



Alternative for Germany (DE)



Confederation (PL)



Revival (BU)



People and Justice Movement (LT)



Irish MEPs and parties that currently sit with the ESN: None

# Non-Inscrits (NI)

Current size:

**33**  
MEPs

**Political Orientation:** Geographically and politically diverse, with a common link of not belonging to a recognised European Parliament political group

**Group chairs:** N/A

## Examples of national parties in NI



Sahra Wagenknecht  
Alliance (DE)



Smer – Social  
Democracy (SK)



The Party Is Over (ES)



Communist Party  
of Greece (GR)

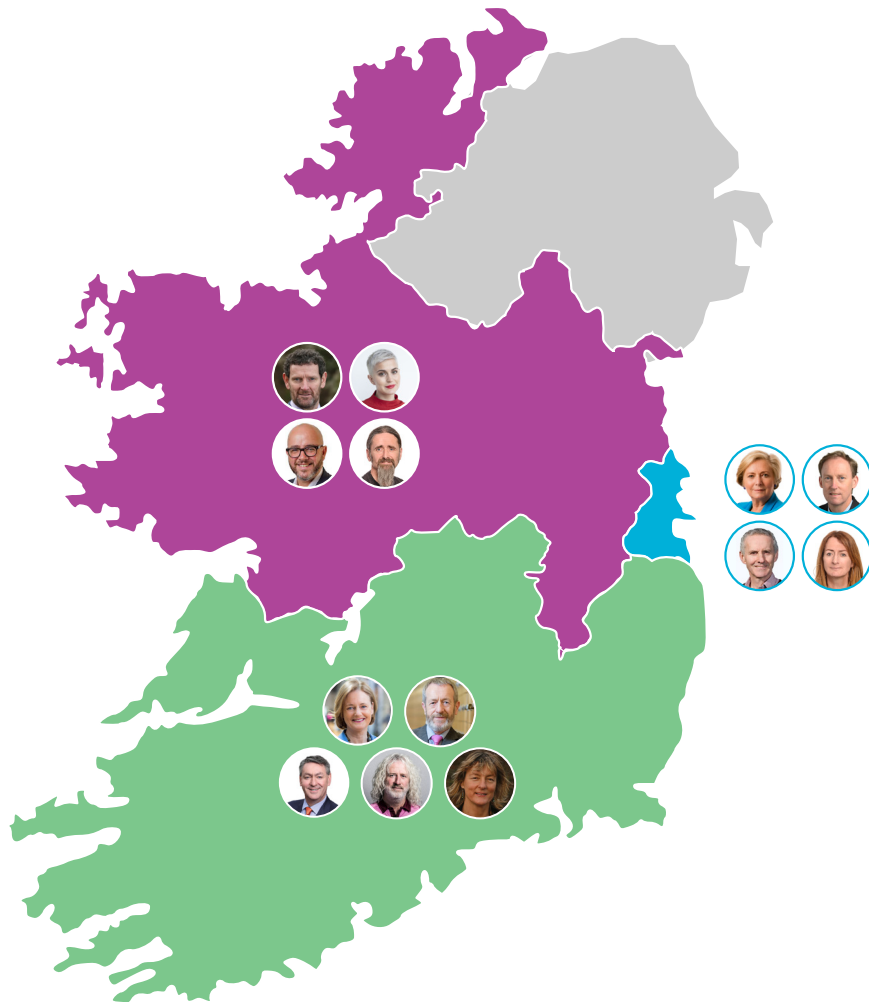


Irish MEPs and parties that currently sit with the Non-Inscrits: None

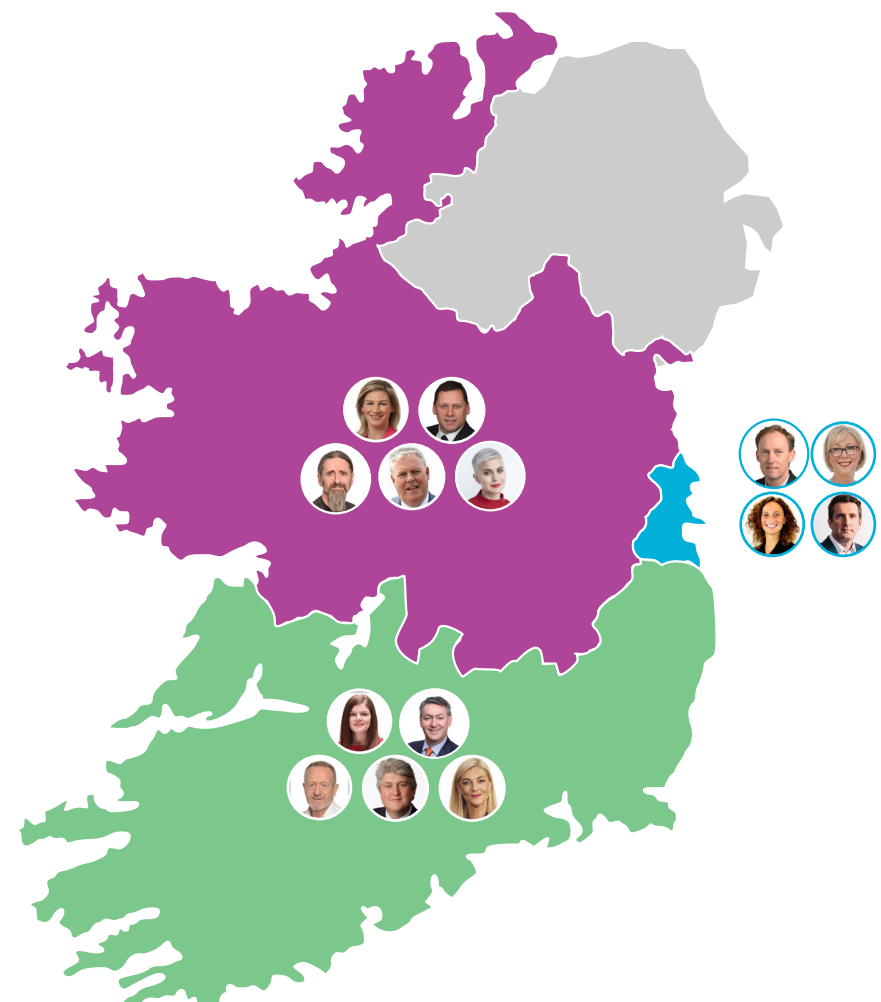
# Infographic on Ireland in the European Parliament

## European Parliament Constituencies in Ireland

2019-2024



2024-2029



## Irish MEPs in the European Parliament, 2024-2029

### Dublin

#### 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)



#### Lynn Boylan

European Parliament group: LEFT  
National party: Sinn Féin  
Constituency: Dublin  
First elected to the European Parliament: 2024 (Previously served as MEP 2014-2019)



#### Regina Doherty

European Parliament group: EPP  
National party: Fine Gael  
Constituency: Dublin  
First elected to the European Parliament: 2024



#### Aodhán Ó Ríordáin

European Parliament group: S&D  
National party: Labour Party  
Constituency: Dublin  
First elected to the European Parliament: 2024



### Midlands-North West

#### Nina Carberry

European Parliament group: EPP  
National party: Fine Gael  
Constituency: Midlands-North-West  
First elected to the European Parliament: 2024



#### Barry Cowen

European Parliament group: RE  
National party: Fianna Fáil  
Constituency: Midlands-North-West  
First elected to the European Parliament: 2024



### Luke 'Ming' Flanagan

European Parliament group: LEFT  
National party: Independent  
Constituency: Midlands-North-West  
First elected to the European Parliament: 2014



### Ciarán Mullooly

European Parliament group: RE  
National party: Independent Ireland  
Constituency: Midlands-North-West  
First elected to the European Parliament: 2024



### Maria Walsh

European Parliament group: EPP  
National party: Fine Gael  
Constituency: Midlands-North-West  
First elected to the European Parliament: 201



## South

### Kathleen Funchion

European Parliament group: LEFT  
National party: Sinn Féin  
Constituency: South  
First elected to the European Parliament: 2024



### Billy Kelleher

European Parliament group: RE  
National party: Fianna Fáil  
Constituency: South  
First elected to the European Parliament: 2019



### Seán Kelly

European Parliament group: EPP  
National party: Fine Gael  
Constituency: South  
First elected to the European Parliament: 2009



### Michael McNamara

European Parliament group: RE  
National party: Independent  
Constituency: South  
First elected to the European Parliament: 2024



### Cynthia Ní Mhurchú

European Parliament group: RE  
National party: Fianna Fáil  
Constituency: South  
First elected to the European Parliament: 2024



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