



euronews: 2009 European Election Special

This vote, which marks the 30th anniversary of the election of the European Parliament by universal poll, is the single largest trans-national election in history.

375 million European citizens will be asked to renew their Parliament from 4th to 7th June 2009. 736 of the 9,000 declared candidates will be elected to the Parliament as representatives of the citizens of the European Union's 27 member states.

euronews' editorial team is ready to cover this major event.

From February to June 2009

- **The election campaign**

The exclusive euronews debate between the leaders of the main political parties takes place in April.

The weekly **parlamento** programme is dedicated to the 2009 elections with in-depth coverage (until April: political groups, in May: the main issues of the next legislative period - details below).

Twice a week, **f.a.q.** (frequently asked questions), tackles in a concise and quick manner the various aspects of the elections and the Parliament (details below).

A second weekly programme – **reporter** – is dedicated to the elections and broadcast every Friday from 3rd April (details below).

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On **Wednesday 1st April, a dedicated section was launched on euronews.net containing exclusive content on the European elections.** Setting the pace for news and in-depth analysis on the elections, the section replies to the questions of its users on Europe and provide them with an essential source of news on the event and the European Parliament in general.

Thursday 4th to Sunday 7th June

- **The election**

Polling will commence on 4th June in the United Kingdom and the Netherlands and turn-out rates in each participating country will be broadcasted in **euronews'** half-hourly **news** bulletins every until 7th June.

Sunday 7th June

- **The results: special day (06:00 to 22:00 CET) and election night (from 22:00 CET)** mark the peak of our exceptional coverage. As the results come in, **euronews** will report on the initial trends, reactions, interviews and analysis from its studio in the Parliament building in Brussels. Follow the event **live on euronews** from 22:00 CET.

Exclusive



agora: the 2009 European debate Exclusive debate between leaders of the European Parliament's main political groups

With just two months to go until the European election and amid the global economic crisis problems, the debate has been very intense between the leaders of the main political parties during the **exclusive euronews debate**.

For the first time, euronews brought together on one stage **the leaders of the main political parties of the European Parliament**. They compare their point of views and objectives for the 497 million European citizens of the European Union's 27 member states.

For the debate, **euronews** gave its viewers an exclusive chance to hear from all the parties running in the campaign. Different visions of the European Union were put forward, leaving voters to decide what Europe will look like for the next five years.

Filmed in the heart of the European Parliament in Strasbourg, the debate was available exclusively online [on www.euronews.net/europe2009](http://www.euronews.net/europe2009), **Wednesday 1st April** in eight languages (and available until June 7). Duration: 30 minutes.

agora 2009 is broadcast on-air **Saturday 4th April at 14 :15 CET**. Sergio Cantone, **euronews'** permanent correspondent in Brussels and Dulce Dias, Foreign Affairs reporter, conduct this exceptional head-to-head between :

Joseph Daul, president of the European People's Party and European Democrats (EPP-ED) – the largest political force in the European Parliament;

Martin Schulz, parliamentary group leader of the Party of the European Socialists (PES);

Graham Watson, leader of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE);

Cristiana Muscardini, co-president of the Union for Europe of the Nations Group (UEN) ;

Monica Frassoni, co-president of the Greens/Europe Free alliance;

Francis Wurtz, president of the Confederal Group of the European United Left and Nordic Green Left (GUE/NGL); and

Nigel Farage, co-president of the Independence and Democracy Group (IND/DEM).

This debate reviews the most notable features of the 2004-2009 legislative period: the flagship decisions, the evolution of European Parliament's power, and the major challenges to be met amid the global crisis. The future will also be addressed through topics including the main trends of the 2009-2014 legislative period and the new issues of the Europe's growth?

Wednesday 1st April: the debate is available exclusively online on www.euronews.net/europe2009, in eight languages. Duration: 30 minutes.

Saturday 4th at 14:15 CET (first part) and at 14:45 (second part) : the debate will be broadcast in eight languages and in two parts of 15 minutes each, then alternatively : Saturday 4th at 16:15, 16:45, 18:15, 18:45, 21:15, 21:45, 23:15, 23:45 – Sunday 5th at 11:15 (first part), 11:45 (2nd part), 14:15, 14:45, 16:15, 16:45, 20:15, 20:45, 22:45, 23:15 – Monday 6th at 10:15 (first part), 10:45 (2nd part), 12:15, 12:45 CET. Duration: 2x15'



parlamento

every Saturday at 07:15 CET

21.02.09 **parlamento: behind the scenes of a commercial**

Many European voters snubbed the 2004 elections, resulting in a turnout of 47.63%. The slogan for the 2009 elections is *“European elections. It's your choice!”*. **euronews** reports on the filming of a TV commercial which will appear on the web and posters across the European Union as part of the awareness-raising campaign about the elections..

Broadcast: Saturday 21st February 07:15 CET then daily at 16:15 until Friday 27th February.
Duration: 8 minutes

28.02.09 **parlamento: political quiz**

Scientific and political thinking at the European University Institute in Florence led to the recent development of a political quiz. **euronews** investigates the ways by which this new tool will show every European citizen where they stand on Europe's political chessboard.

Broadcast: Saturday 28th February at 07:15 CET then daily at 16:15 until Friday 13th March.
Duration: 8 minutes

14.03.09 **parlamento: the job of an MEP**

In Cyprus, **euronews** meets **Karin Resetarits**, Member of the European Parliament in the Alliance of Democrats and Liberals in Europe (ALDE), , as well as socialist **Alain Hutchinson** in his Belgian constituency.

parlamento looks at the everyday life of an MEP: their responsibilities, their relationships with the citizens of Europe and the ways by which they successfully combine their parliamentary duties with their constituency work.

At the end of the programme, the two figures meet in Strasbourg for a one-on-one discussion about their experiences.

Broadcast: Saturday 14th March at 07:15 CET then daily at 16:15 until Friday 20th March.
Duration: 8 minutes

Series: **POLITICAL GROUPS IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT**

21.03.09 parlamento: right-wing nationalists



The right-wing movements in Europe are in the Union for Europe of the Nations group (UEN) or the Independence/Democracy group (IND/DEM). This first election edition of **parlamento** looks at the MEPs – often described as Eurosceptics - who lead these groups (8% of the seats in the European Parliament). What is their role and what action do they take in the assembly?

Broadcast: Saturday 21st March at 07:15 CET then daily at 16:15 until Friday 27th March. 8'



28.03.09 parlamento: the far left



This edition of **parlamento** presents the Confederal Group of the European United Left and Nordic Green Left (GUE/NGL) – the party of altermondialists and ex-communists that holds 5% of the Parliamentary seats.

Broadcast: Saturday 28th March at 07:15 CET then daily at 16:15 until Friday 3rd April. 8'

04.04.09 parlamento: the greens



In this report, **euronews** meets **Daniel Cohn-Bendit** and **Monica Frassoni**, co-presidents of the Green/European Free Alliance which holds 5% of the Parliamentary seats, during the party's European Congress.

Broadcast: Saturday 4th April at 07:15 CET then daily at 16:15 until Friday 10th April. Duration: 8'

11.04.09 parlamento: the liberals



The Alliance of Democrats and Liberals in Europe (ALDE) is the third-largest political force in the European Parliament and holds almost 13% of its seats. **euronews** talks with Briton **Graham Watson**, leader of the ALDE, about his party and his bid for the presidency of the Parliament.

Broadcast: Saturday 11th April at 07:15 CET then daily at 16:15 until Friday 17th April. 8'

18.04.09 parlamento: the socialists



This edition of **parlamento** delves into the Party of European Socialists (PES) through the profiles of the parliamentary group leader, **Martin Schulz**, and the party's president, **Poul Nyrup Rasmussen**. The socialists form 27% of the European Parliament and these two MEPs, in particular, are heavily involved in the group's bid for victory in the European elections.

Broadcast: Saturday 18th April at 07:15 CET then daily at 16:15 until Friday 24th April. 8'

25.04.09 parlamento: the conservatives



The European People's Party and European Democrats (EPP-ED) is the biggest political group in the European Parliament with more than 36% of its seats. **euronews** meets **Joseph Daul**, parliamentary group leader, and Wilfried Martens, the party's president in this special election report.

Broadcast: Saturday 25th April at 07:15 CET then daily at 16:15 until Friday 1st May. 8 minutes

Series: **THE PARLIAMENT'S BIG ISSUES: ITS HISTORY AND TRACK RECORD**

From 2nd to 30th May, every Saturday from 07:15 CET, **parlamento** will be devoted to the most important issues affecting the lives of Europe's citizens such as climate change, the REACH chemicals regulations, and immigration.

02.05.09 parlamento: Women's vote

(broadcast: to be confirmed)

02.05.09 parlamento: REACH

(broadcast: to be confirmed)

09.05.09 parlamento: legislature assessment

On **Saturday 9th May**, Europe Day, the **parlamento** team will conduct a **review of the 2004-2009 legislative period**. The European project has shifted significantly over the past five years. **euronews** investigates the change in the relationship between the Parliament and the citizens – from enlargement to a negative vote on the draft European Constitution.

(broadcast: to be confirmed)

09.05.09 parlamento: the constitutional triangle:

European Parliament, the Commission, the Council.

(broadcast: to be confirmed)

16.05.09 parlamento: new voters

For the first time, they will vote for a European election. They are young or new residents in the EU countries.

(broadcast: to be confirmed)

16.05.09 parlamento: history of Europeans Elections (broadcast: to be confirmed)

In 3 weeks, Europeans will go to the polls and the new face of the European Parliament will be revealed. In this special edition, parlamento will retrace the **history of 30 elections**.

23.05.09 parlamento: new power of European Parliament after Lisbon

Broadcast: Saturday 23rd May at 07:15 CET then daily at 16:15 until Friday 29th May. 8 minutes

30.05.09 parlamento: defence

Broadcast: Saturday 30th May at 07:15 CET then daily at 16:15 until Friday 5th June. 8 minutes

06.05.09 parlamento: environment

parlamento will go to air one last time before the new face of the European Parliament, with an edition dedicated to all environment issues all over Europe and worldwide.

Broadcast: Saturday 6th June at 07:15 CET then daily at 16:15 until Friday 12th June. 8 minutes



Series: **f.a.q. (FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS)**

A question, the answer. This short programme, shown a number of times throughout the day, tackles in a concise and quick manner the various aspects of the elections and the Parliament:

Broadcast: and several times a day / Duration 2'15

03.03.09 f.a.q. Polling date, who can vote and who can be a candidate?

31.03.09 f.a.q. What are the powers of the European Parliament?

07.04.09 f.a.q. Is there a European public opinion?

Date tbc f.a.q. The European Parliament, its political role

Date tbc f.a.q. Post- Lisbon: the new powers of the European Parliament

Date tbc f.a.q. The procedure of co-decision-making

Date tbc f.a.q. Political parties and groups: one year in the life of a European Member of the Parliament (MP)

Date tbc f.a.q. MP: Location and work places –Brussels/Strasbourg

Date tbc f.a.q. Quid abstention: why do Europeans abstain from voting?

Date tbc f.a.q. The achievements of the European Parliament 2004-2009

Date tbc f.a.q. The sensitive files of the next legislature



Series: **REPORTER IN 27 COUNTRIES**

Every Friday from 3rd April at 11:15 CET, reporter will focus on the elections with the **euronews** team filing eight on-the-ground reports gauging the public opinion pulse across the 27-member states during the election countdown.

**03.04.09 reporter: workers in foreign countries
In Romania.**

Workers are moving around Europe's single market with increasing un-ease, in the global economic downturn. Romanians seeking a better life in Western Europe wonder whether to stay or return.

Broadcast: Friday 3rd April at 11:15 CET then several times a day until Thursday 9th April.
Duration: 8 minutes

**10.04.09 reporter: European dynamism
In Sweden: one of the most dynamic region of the European Union.**

Broadcast: Friday 10th April at 11:15 CET then several times a day until Thursday 16th April.
Duration: 8 minutes

**17.04.09 reporter: Schengen and enlargement
In Slovenia, reporter visits Nova Gorica.**

Broadcast: Friday 17th April at 11:15 CET then several times a day until Thursday 23rd April.
Duration: 8 minutes

**24.04.09 reporter: economic crisis
In Spain**

Broadcast: Friday 24th April at 11:15 CET then several times a day until Thursday 30th April.
Duration: 8 minutes

**01.05.09 reporter: protectionism and xenophobia.
In UK**

Broadcast: Friday 1st May at 11:15 CET then several times a day until Thursday 7th May.
Duration: 8 minutes

(for May and June: details of the exact content of reporter will be released later).



Special "Vote" Days

From Thursday 4th to Sunday 7th June 2009, Europeans will cast their votes with the United Kingdom and the Netherlands the first to open their polling offices on 4th June.

Every day through 7th June, in **news** bulletins every half hour, **euronews** will deliver all the latest news on voting and voter turn-outs in the participating countries.

European Election Day Special

Sunday 7th June will be the final day of the biggest transnational election in history. **euronews** will be entirely dedicated to the final phase of this vote. On 7th June, at around 23:00 CET, the colours of the European Parliament will be unveiled.

The broadcast schedule (below) will be continually complemented by the special section on www.euronews.net.

From 06:00 to 22:00 CET: Coverage, analysis, and minute by minute live news

Europe 2009: the European election news programme

Every 30 minutes, the special **Europe 2009** news bulletin will keep you updated with the latest news coming from the countries voting on Sunday.

Special Magazines

Throughout the day numerous magazines will be dedicated to the elections, bringing a day full of news in order to explain what is at stake with the European vote.



For its **reporter** magazine, **euronews** will be doing a number of field reports in the member countries to understand the issues and expectations of EU citizens.

(Duration 8 minutes – several editions of **reporter** will be broadcast during the day – times to be communicated later).



With the journalists of **parlamento** magazine, a final word on the political forces present in the European Parliament, on the major events which have marked the past five years of office and the tasks awaiting the new MEPs.

(Duration 8 minutes – several editions of **parlamento** will be broadcast during the day – times to be communicated later).



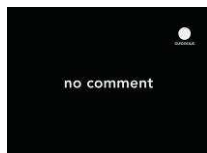
f.a.q. (frequently asked questions): a question, the answer. This short programme, to be shown a number of times throughout the day, will tackle in a concise and quick manner the various aspects of the elections and the Parliament: since Lisbon, what powers does the Parliament have? European Parliament: an international forum?...

(Duration 2 minutes – several editions of **f.a.q** will be broadcast during the day – times to be communicated later).



interview: various European political figures and experts on different areas will give interviews to euronews and present the many facets of Europe, be it political, economic, social, cultural...

(Duration 8 minutes – several editions of **interview** will be broadcast during the day – times to be communicated later).



no comment: Europeans will be voting, and the cameras of **no comment** will be there. Several times an hour and from the 27 member states of the European Union, **no comment** will follow the voting as well as the action at the European Parliament in Brussels.

(Duration: 30s to 2': broadcast 4-7 June, every 30 minutes starting from 6:25 CET)

For all important breaking news, euronews will offer live broadcasts for an immediate coverage of events.

From 22:00 CET, a special live evening on euronews



Journalists in all eight languages of **euronews** will bring you the new face of the European Parliament and gather the first reactions from Europe and the rest of the world.

At the heart of the Parliament in Brussels, politicians and experts will gather on the **euronews** set for an all night special hosted by Sergio Cantone, the permanent correspondent for the channel in Brussels. Analysts, experts and elected members will give us their insights to help us understand the changes in the Parliament.

23:00 CET: the colours and new composition of the Parliament
euronews will bring you the results in real time from all over Europe.

Has this election rallied the citizens? Is the participation rate the same in the 27 member states of the European Union? What are the consequences for current ongoing projects? Will priorities be greatly altered? Will the Parliament be strengthened or weakened? What will be its role on an international level?

euronews will also look at the national results during this special night, decipher them and analyse their impact on a European level for the next five years of the new legislature.

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