

2024 EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS

SITUATION AND CHALLENGES IN SPAIN



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1. Introduction: How European elections work?

European elections 2024

6-9 June 2024

In June 2024, European Union citizens will elect **Members of the European Parliament** → MEPs

The European Parliament is the only EU body directly elected by the people. Every 5 years, European Union citizens choose over 700 members (or MEPs) to represent nearly 450 million Europeans.

The European Parliament

Defends freedom, equality, democracy and the rule of law across the EU

It makes sure EU institutions are doing their job properly

Decide how the EU's money is spent



2. Spain in the European Union

Spain joined the European Union on January 1, **1986**. Since then, Spain has played an active role in the construction of the European project and is represented in all European institutions.

What is
happening
right now?



Spain has the Presidency of the Council of the European Union

Spain assumes the Presidency of the Council of the European Union from **July 1 to December 31, 2023**, for the fifth time in its history.

It is therefore responsible for organizing the meetings of the Council and representing it before other EU institutions, with determination to ensure that it serves as a useful instrument to improve the lives of citizens.



"We want to vindicate the Europe of the people, the one that attends to their needs, their demands, the one that offers opportunities and also answers to the challenges of the citizens and their environment, the one that anticipates, in short, the future".

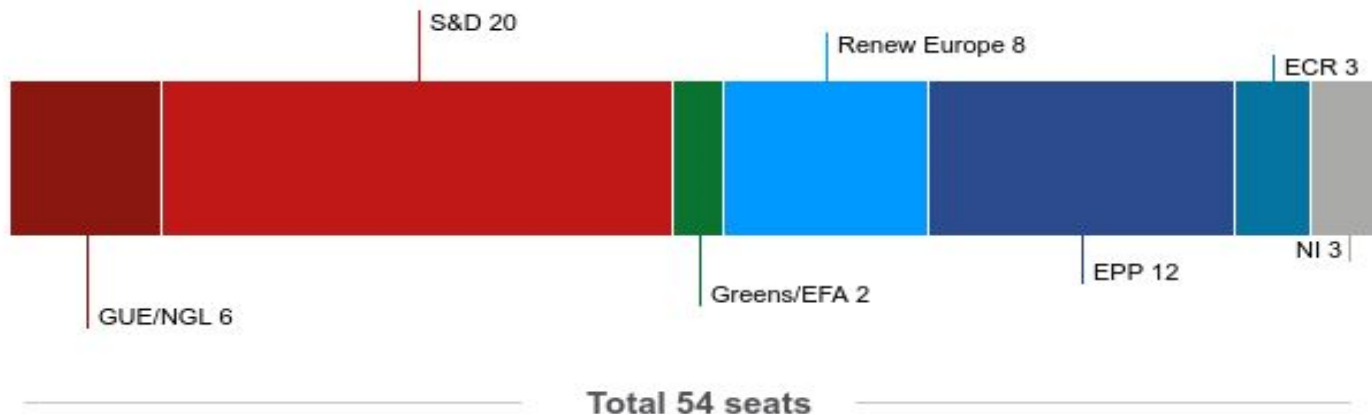
Message from the Prime Minister of Spain, Pedro Sánchez.

3. The role of Spain in past EU elections

In the last elections of 2019, Spain had a 60.7% participation rate, being among the countries with the highest turnout at the European polls.

Seats by political group: 2019-2024

Spain - Constitutive session



The Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament (S&D) obtained the most seats through the Spanish socialist party PSOE

4. 2024 European Parliament elections & Spain

Spain in the 2024 elections: Challenges and European policies

- **Integration-based policy**

The effects of the pandemic and the war in Ukraine forces the national competencies to promote a policy of integration and cooperation between the different countries of the European Union.

- It is necessary to highlight the problems in **renewing the Judiciary**, which affect the authority of Spain in...
 - Law rule issues
 - The ability to effectively manage the large amount of Next Generation EU recovery funds
 - Progress in the negotiation on Gibraltar within the dialogue for the new EU-UK relationship.

4. 2024 European Parliament elections & Spain

Priorities of Spain regarding the elections

The Spanish Presidency has established 4 priorities for this six-month period, which will be **the main lines of action** in the run-up to the **European Parliament elections** in 2024

1. Reindustrialize the EU and guarantee its open strategic autonomy

- The Spanish Presidency will promote the **development of strategic industries and technologies** in Europe and the expansion and diversification of its trade relations.
- It will propose a common strategy to guarantee the **EU's economic security** and **global leadership** by 2030.

2. Progressing in ecological transition and environmental adaptation

- The Spanish Presidency will encourage a reform of the electricity market that accelerates the deployment of **renewable energies**, reduces electricity prices and improves the stability of the system.
- It will promote measures for the reduction of waste and microplastics, the design of **sustainable products** and the generation of environmentally friendly fuels.

3. Promote greater social and economic justice

- The Spanish Presidency will work for a reform of tax rules to increase **transparency** and combine the sustainability of public finances with the correct financing of the **green and digital transitions**.
- Promote the expansion of workers' rights in various areas and for **vulnerable groups** such as children, women who suffer gender violence and people with disabilities.



4. Strengthening European unity

- The Spanish Presidency will make a more efficient and coordinated management of migration and asylum processes.
- It will give support to Ukraine and other surrounding states.
- It will also work for the development of shared identity and values and for a new phase of development of the European project.



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