



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS

SITUATION IN LITHUANIA

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SOME CONTEXT - TIMELINE



1995 applied to become a member of EU

2000 Negotiations officially started

2003 signed the agreement + referendum in
Lithuania

1st of May 2004 Lithuania joined EU on the

FIRST EU PARLAMENT ELECTIONS

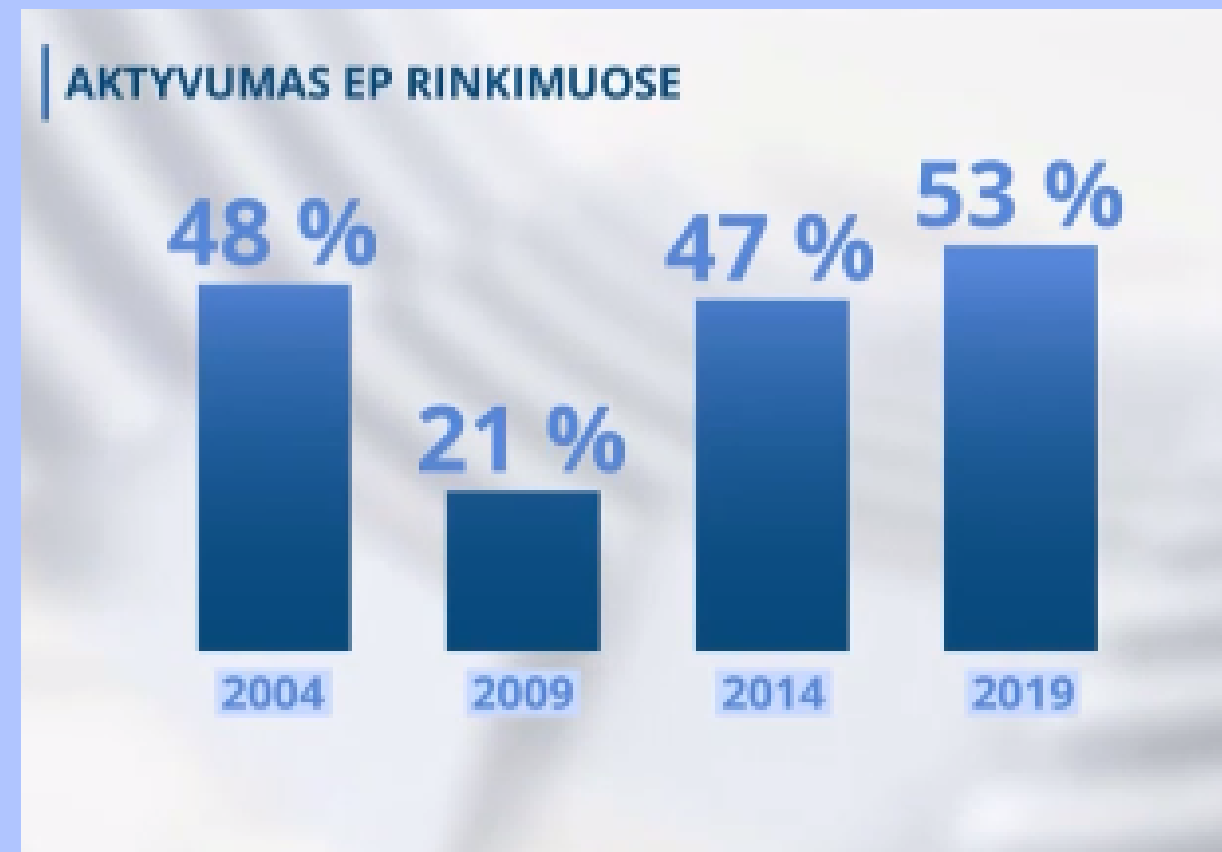


13th of June 2004 first EU parliament elections

48.38 % voted



Since then...
2009, 2014, 2019

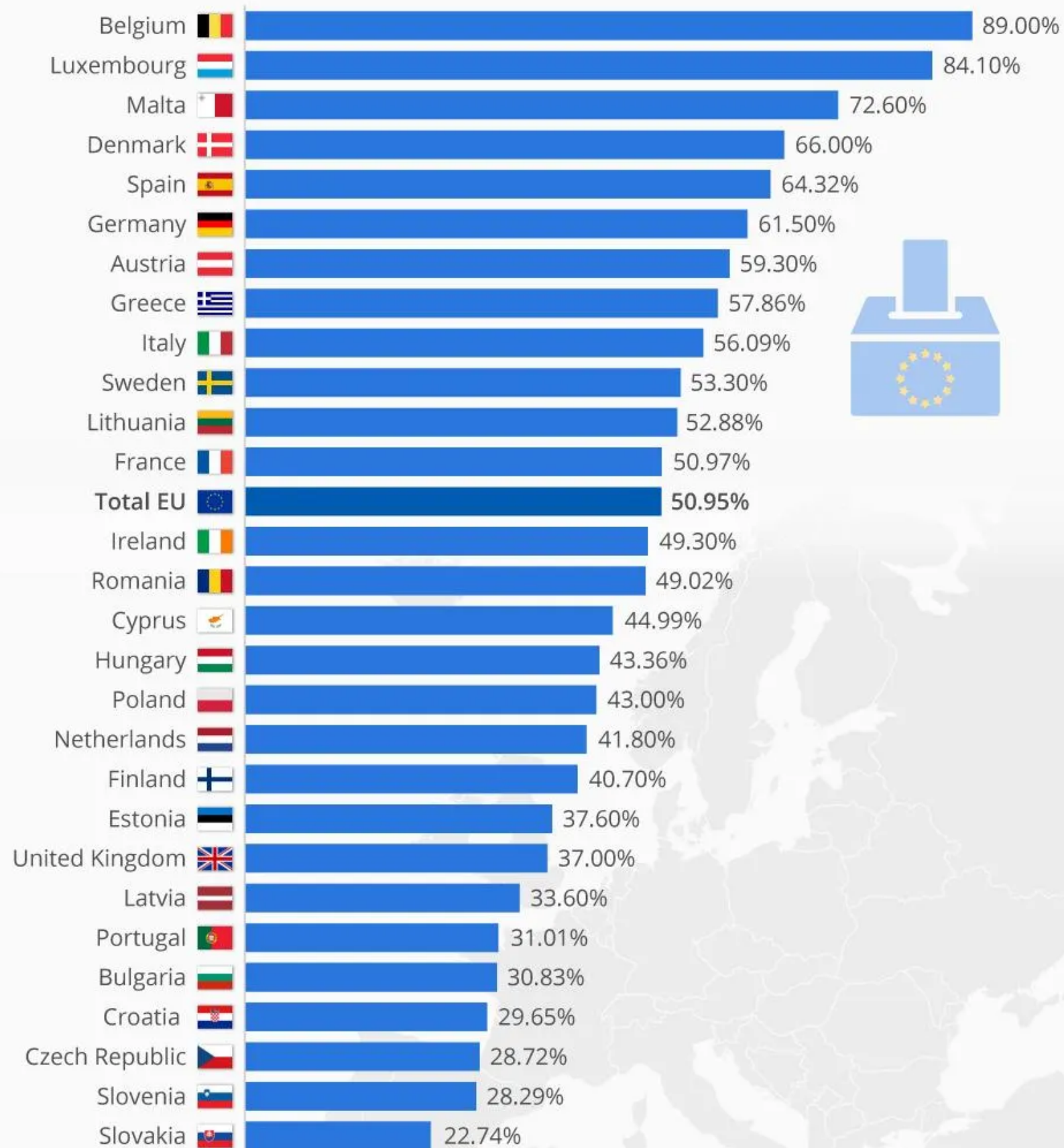


IN THE EU CONTEXT



European Elections: Where Turnout Was Highest & Lowest

Turnout by country at the 2019 European Elections*





VOTING SYSTEM

Electoral system of proportional representation in one electoral district:

Voter chooses a party list

Preference votes to candidates from the list

Mandates allocated to parties with at least 5% of the votes



VOTING SYSTEM

11 parliamentarians for the five-year election term.

Can vote:

on pre-election days

on election days

by post

in the embassy

At home - elderly and people with disabilities

LITHUANIANS KNOW ABOUT EU



Support their country's EU membership the most.

2/3 understand the benefits of EU membership

Knows well enough how the EU works, decisions they make

Trusts EU institutions more than national ones

Would like the EU to take more action

CHALLENGES



The date of the elections



CHALLENGES

People do not consider European elections as important as national ones

The work of representatives of our country does not receive much attention in the media

Lack of comprehension of the EP role

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“My vote doesn’t matter” attitude



CHALLENGES

Voting often reflects the national parliament situation not considering the EU directions

Possibility of cyber attacks and outsiders trying to intervene into the election process



GOOD EXAMPLE PROMOTING THE ELECTIONS

Fighting fake news and propaganda to educate the society and
future electors:
initiatives of the media, journalists and NGO's

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