



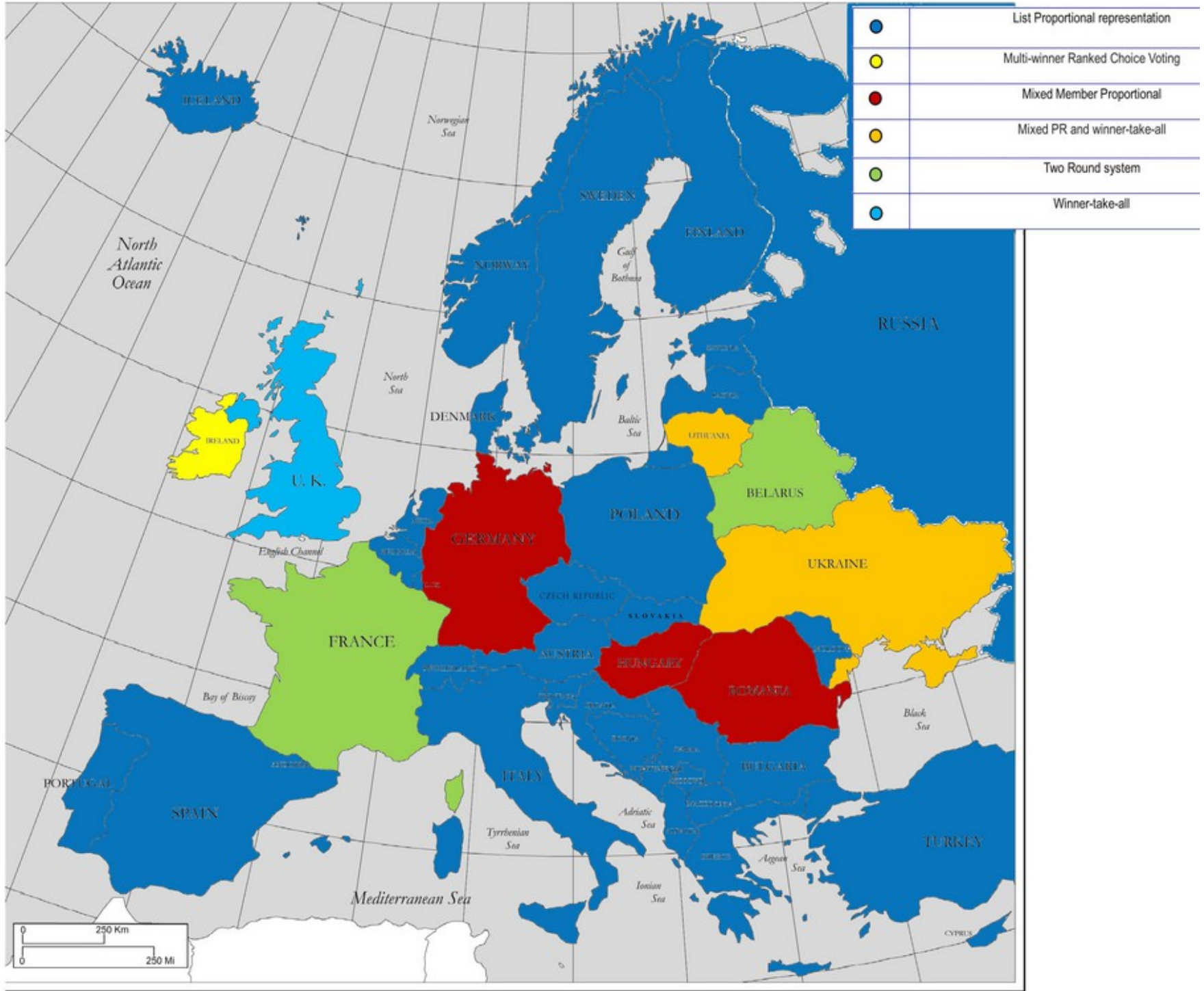
EU Electoral systems

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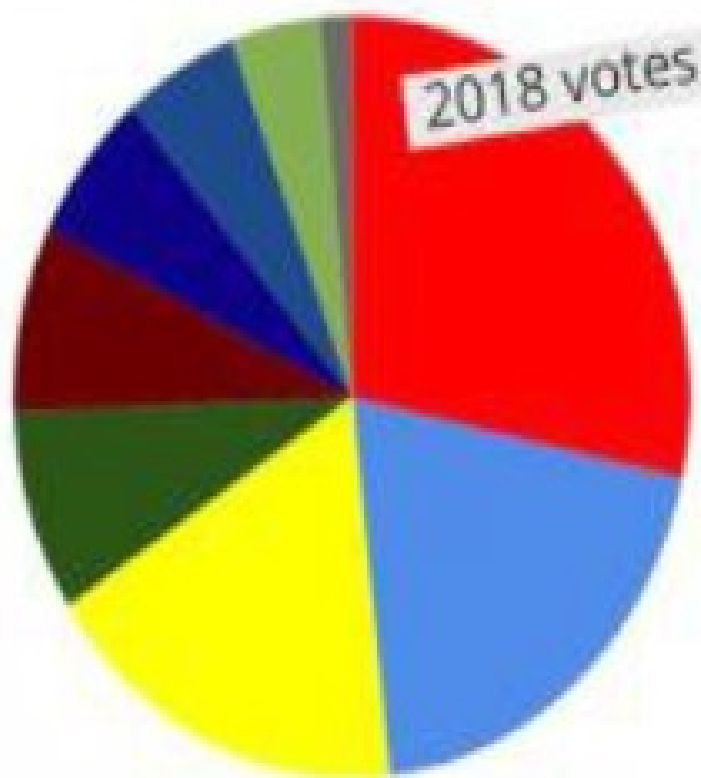
Map of Europe showing electoral systems by country. Legend:

- List Proportional representation (Blue circle)
- Multi-winner Ranked Choice Voting (Yellow circle)
- Mixed Member Proportional (Red circle)
- Mixed PR and winner-take-all (Orange circle)
- Two Round system (Green circle)
- Winner-take-all (Light blue circle)

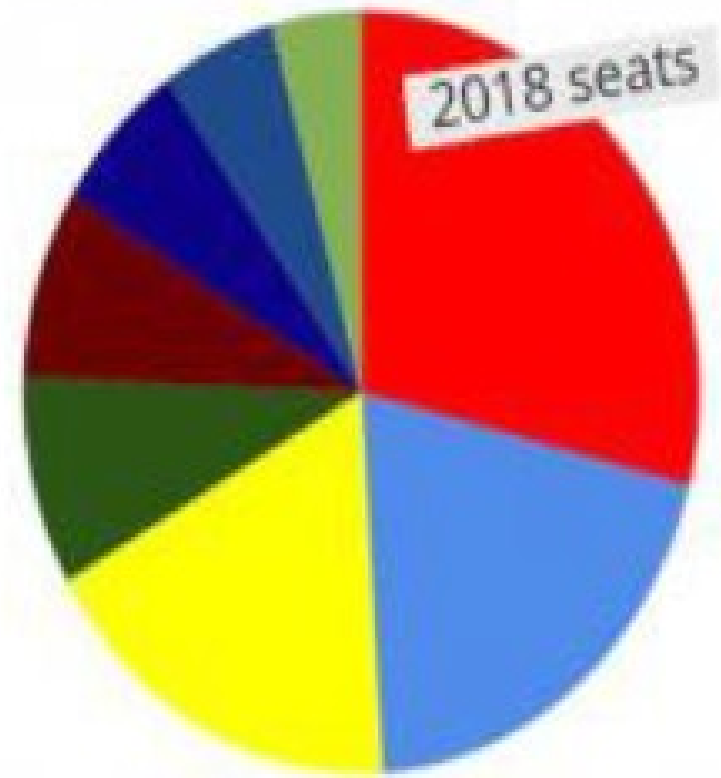
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Sweden uses Proportional Representation



- Social Democrats
- Moderate Party
- Sweden Democrats
- Centre Party
- Left Party
- Christian Democrats
- Liberals
- Green Party
- Other



...so its parliament reflects its people!

Démocratie pleine

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 ($8,00 - 8,99$)

Démocratie

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Régime hybride

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Régime autoritaire

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CLASSEMENT DES ÉTATS D'EUROPE PAR INDICE DE DÉMOCRATIE

Source : Democracy Index 2023 - Age of conflict, The Economist Intelligence Unit, 2024, p.17-22.

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4	Finlande	9,27	9,29	9,30
5	Danemark	9,09	9,28	9,28
6	Irlande	9,00	9,13	9,19
7	Suisse	8,90	9,14	9,14
8	Pays-Bas	8,88	9,00	9,00
9	Luxembourg	8,68	8,81	8,81

Proportional voting systems used for national elections in Europe

Type of PR or Mixed Voting System	Countries in which it is used
Party List Proportional Representation	31 – Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland
Single Transferable Vote	2 Ireland and Malta
Mixed Member Proportional Representation (MMP; also known as Additional Member System)	2 – Germany and Hungary
Parallel voting/Mixed system	5 – Andorra, Italy, Lithuania, North Macedonia, and Ukraine

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union, Parline Database, <https://data.ipu.org/>

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10	Allemagne	8,67	8,80	8,80
11	Autriche	8,07	8,20	8,28
12	Royaume-Uni	8,10	8,28	8,28
13	Grèce	7,56	7,97	8,14
14	France	7,99	8,07	8,07
15	Espagne	7,94	8,07	8,07
16	République tchèque	7,74	7,97	7,97
17	Estonie	7,84	7,96	7,96
18	Malte	7,57	7,70	7,93
19	Portugal	7,82	7,95	7,75
20	Slovénie	7,54	7,75	7,75
21	Italie	7,68	7,69	7,69
22	Belgique	7,51	7,64	7,64
23	Chypre	7,43	7,38	7,38
24	Lettonie	7,31	7,37	7,38
25	Lituanie	7,18	7,31	7,31
26	Pologne	6,80	7,04	7,18
27	Slovaquie	7,03	7,07	7,07
28	Hongrie	6,50	6,64	6,72
29	Monténégro	6,02	6,45	6,67

30	Croatie	6,50	6,50	6,50
31	Roumanie	6,43	6,45	6,45
32	Bulgarie	6,64	6,53	6,41
33	Serbie	6,36	6,33	6,33
34	Albanie	6,11	6,41	6,28
35	Moldavie	6,10	6,23	6,23
36	Macédoine du Nord	6,03	6,10	6,03
37	Ukraine	5,57	5,42	5,06
38	Bosnie-Herzégovine	5,04	5,00	5,00
39	Turquie	4,35	4,35	4,33
40	Russie	3,24	2,28	2,22
41	Biélorussie	2,41	1,99	1,99
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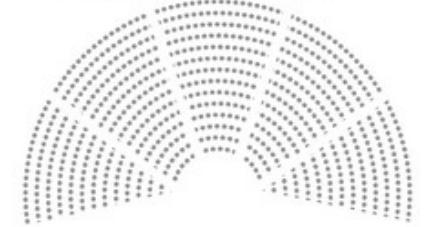
Future distribution of seats in the European Parliament

2014 - 2019



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2019 - 2024



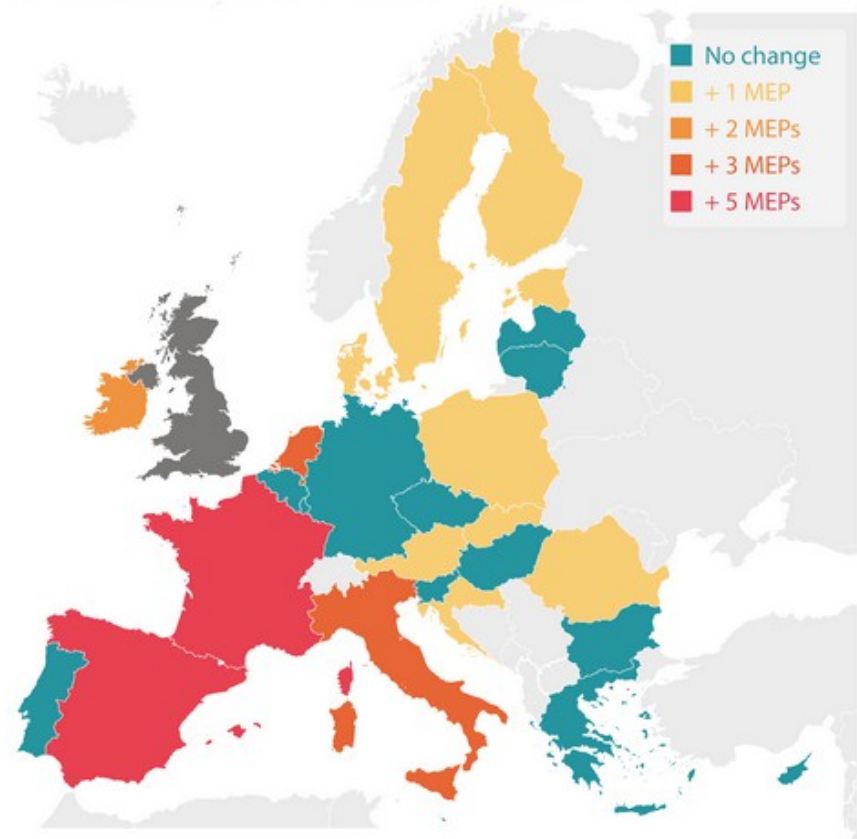
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FR	74
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UK	73
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PL	51
RO	32
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GR	21
HU	21
PT	21
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DK	13
SK	13
FI	13
IE	11
HR	11
LT	11
LV	8
SI	8
EE	6
CY	6
LU	6
MT	6

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SEATS REDISTRIBUTED AMONG 14 MEMBER STATES



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SEATS RESERVED FOR POSSIBLE TRANSNATIONAL CONSTITUENCY
AND/OR FOR POTENTIAL FUTURE EU ENLARGEMENT

96	DE
79	FR
76	IT
-	UK
59	ES
52	PL
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The Proportionality of EU voting



Unanimity

Unanimous vote

Votes on sensitive matters and to over-rule the Commission



Qualified majority

Votes on a proposal from the Commission or the High Representative



Simple majority

Non-legislative votes on administrative or procedural questions

Unanimity

Qualified Majority

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