

# Welcome to the European Parliament



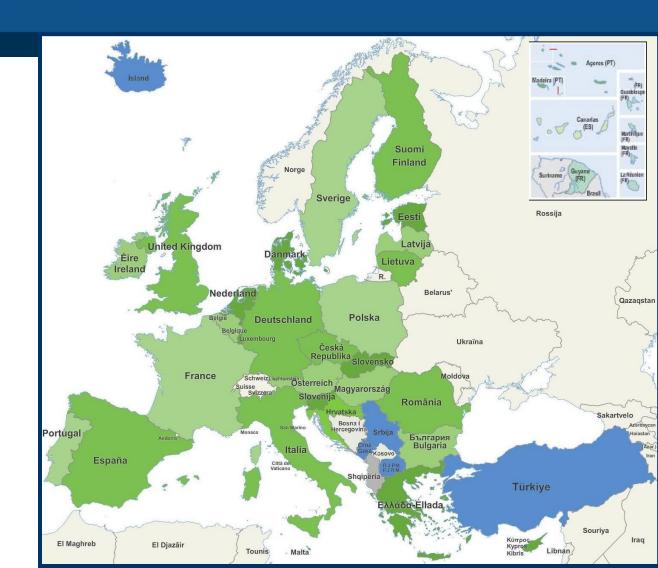
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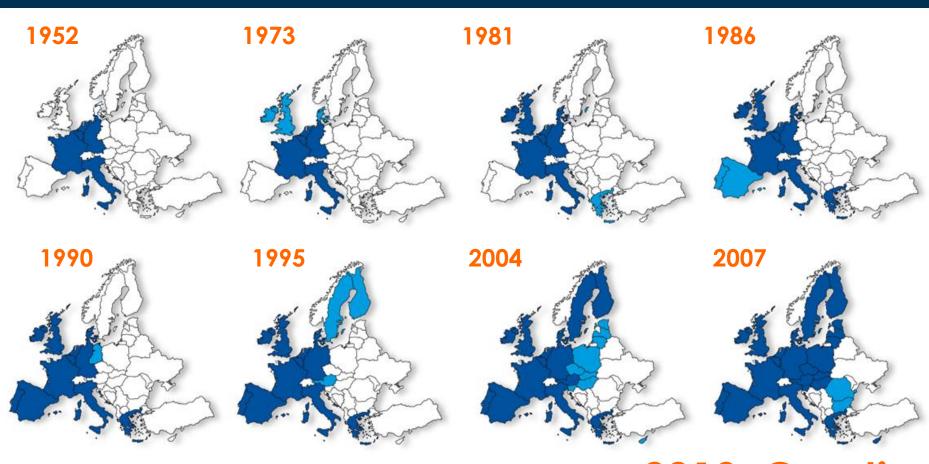
# The European Union

- **EU 28**
- Candidate countries
- Applicant country





# Enlargement: from 6 to 28



+ 2013: Croatia



# European legislation









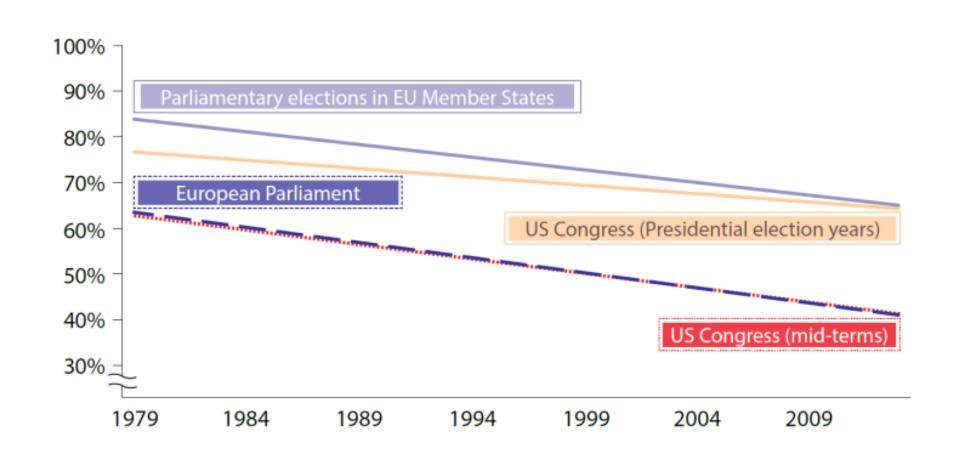
# European elections







### EP elections 1979 - 2009 Participation rate





# Key figures of the EU



Herman
VAN ROMPUY,
President of the
European Council



José Manuel **BARROSO**, President of the **European Commission** 



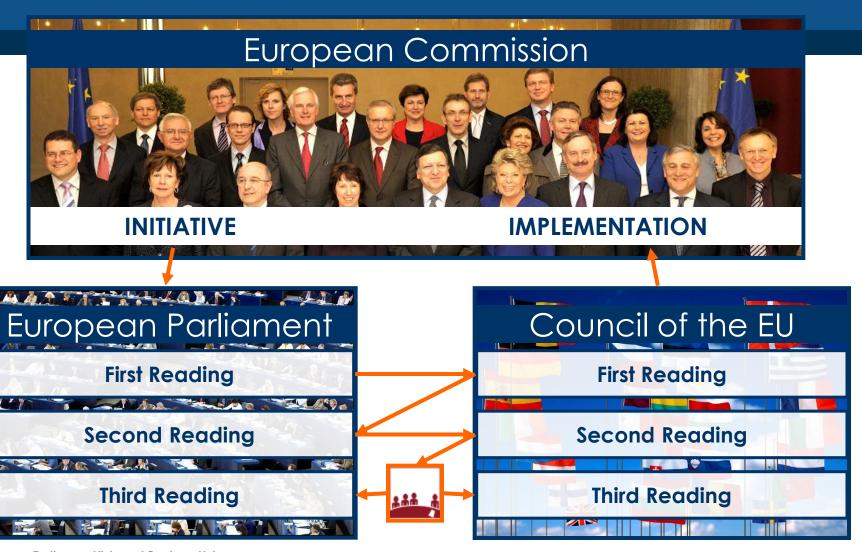
Martin **SCHULZ**,
President of the **European Parliament** 



Council of the EU



# Legislative procedure





#### Powers of the EP

Legislation

# Parliamentary control



International Agreements

**Budget** 



# Seat distribution

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99	Austria	19
74	Bulgaria	18
<b>73</b>	Denmark	13
<b>73</b>	Finland	13
54	Slovakia	13
<b>51</b>	Croatia	12
33	Ireland	12
26	Lithuania	12
22	Latvia	9
22	Slovenia	8
22	Estonia	6
22	Cyprus	6
22	Luxemburg	6
20	Malta	6
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# Seat distribution

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Germany	99	122	Austria	19	13
France	74	99	Bulgaria	18	11
<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>73</b>	97	Denmark	13	9
Italy	<b>73</b>	90	Finland	13	8
Spain	<b>54</b>	71	Slovakia	13	8
Poland	<b>5</b> 1	<b>58</b>	Croatia	12	7
Romania	33	30	Ireland	12	7
The Netherlands	26	25	Lithuania	12	5
Belgium	22	17	Latvia	9	3
Greece	22	17	Slovenia	8	3
Czech Republic	22	16	Estonia	6	2
Portugal	22	16	Cyprus	6	1
Hungary	22	15	Luxemburg	6	1
Sweden	20	15	Malta	6	1

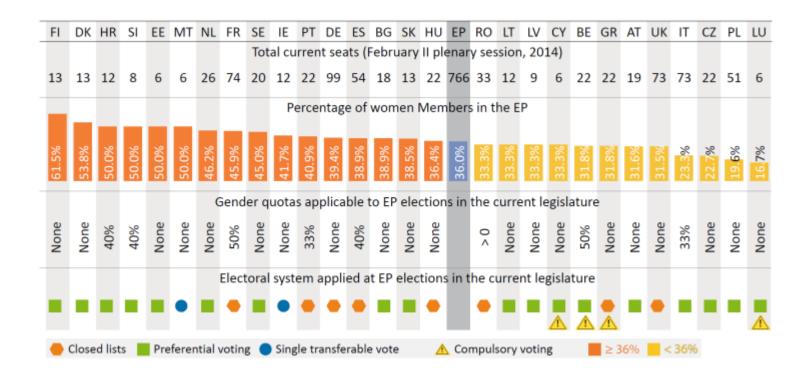








#### Women in the EP





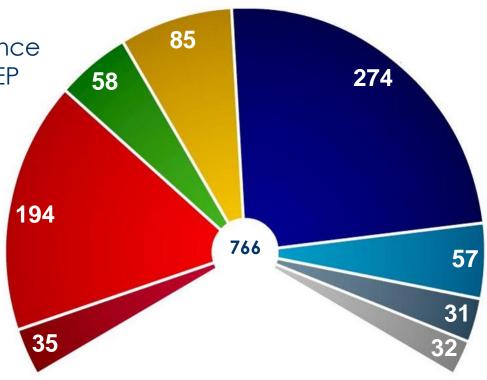
## Political Groups

■ EPP: Group of the European People's Party

■ S&D: Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the EP

ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe

- Greens/EFA: Greens / European Free Alliance
- ECR: European Conservatives and Reformers
- GUE/NGL: European United Left Nordic Green Left
- **EFD**: Europe of Freedom and Democracy Group
- N-A: Non-attached





# EP Calendar 2014

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# Parliamentary committees

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Foreign Affairs (+ 2 sub-committees: Human Rights + Security and Defense) **Development** International Trade **Budgets Budgetary Control Economic and Monetary Affairs Employment and Social Affairs** Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Industry, Research and Energy **Internal Market and Consumer Protection Transport and Tourism Regional Development Agriculture and Rural Development Fisheries Culture and Education Legal Affairs** Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs **Constitutional Affairs** Women's Rights and Gender Equality **Petitions** 



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