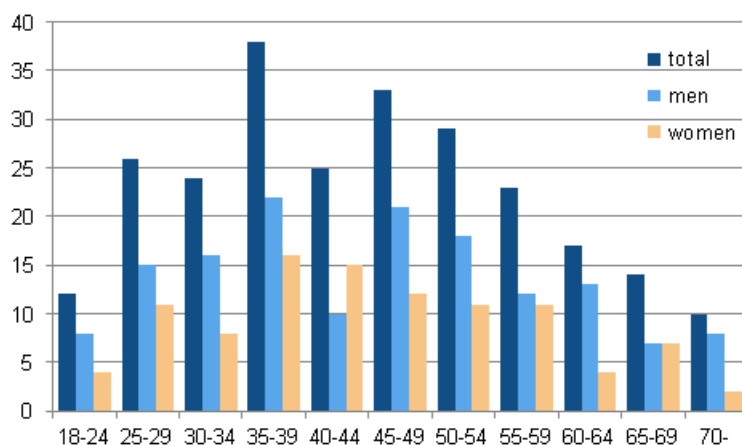


European Parliament elections 2014, nomination of candidates

Nomination of the candidates in the European Parliament elections 2014

A total of 251 candidates were nominated in the European Parliament elections 2014. Of the candidates, 150 are men and 101 women. Of the sixteen registered political parties, fourteen nominated candidates. In addition to the political parties, one constituency association nominated one candidate.

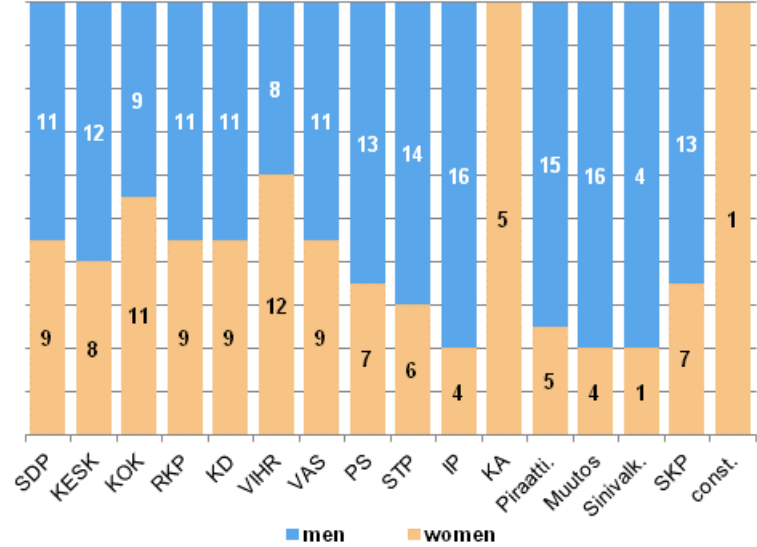
Candidates by age group (number) and by sex in the European Parliament elections 2014



The average age of candidates in the European Parliament elections 2014 is 45.0 years, which is more than three years lower than in the 2009 European Parliament elections (48.2 years). There are 38 candidates aged under 30, whereas in the previous European Parliament elections there were 29 candidates aged under 30. Altogether, 41 candidates are aged 60 or over, while in the 2009 elections they numbered 55. The political party, whose candidates have the lowest average age in the European Parliament elections 2014, is the Pirate Party of Finland (average age 35) while the For the Poor party has the oldest candidates (average age 63).

Women are in the majority among the nominations of only three parties: The Green League (12 female candidates and 8 male candidates), the National Coalition Party (11 female candidates and 9 male candidates), and For the Poor, whose all five candidates are women. The other parties nominated more men candidates than women.

Number of candidates by sex and party in the European Parliament elections 2004



Number of candidates by sex and party in the European Parliament elections 2014

Candidates	Total	Men	Women
Total	251	150	101
The Finnish Social Democratic Party SDP	20	11	9
Centre Party of Finland KESK	20	12	8
National Coalition Party KOK	20	9	11
Swedish People's Party in Finland RKP	20	11	9
Christian Democrats in Finland KD	20	11	9
Green League VIHR	20	8	12
The Left Alliance VAS	20	11	9
The Finns Party PS	20	13	7
Independence Party IP	20	16	4
For the Poor KA	5	-	5
Pirate Party of Finland	20	15	5
Change 2011	20	16	4
Blue and White Front r.p.	5	4	1
The Communist Party of Finland SKP	20	13	7
Constituency associations	1	-	1

In the 28 countries of the European Union, the elections for the Members of European Parliament are held between 22 and 25 May 2014. In Finland, the election day is 25 May 2014. Advance voting takes place in Finland on 14 to 20 May 2014 and abroad on 14 to 17 May 2014. The elections for the Members of the European Parliament (European Parliament elections) are held in each Member State in accordance with the national election legislation. In addition, the stipulations of the EU's election regulation are followed. A total of 751 members are elected for the Parliament's five-year term 2014 to 2019, and 13 of these members are elected from Finland.

In the Finnish European Parliament elections, candidates can be nominated by registered political parties and constituency associations established by persons entitled to vote. Parties can form electoral alliances and constituency associations can form joint lists. Each party or electoral alliance can nominate at most 20 candidates, all candidates are nominated for the whole country.

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1. Candidates' age group by sex and party in the European Parliament elections 2014

Party	Total	Age group												Average age	MEPs	MPs
		18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-			
All total	251	-	12	26	24	38	25	33	29	23	17	14	10	45.0	11	40
Total men	150	-	8	15	16	22	10	21	18	12	13	7	8	45.3	5	18
Total women	101	-	4	11	8	16	15	12	11	11	4	7	2	44.5	6	22
KOK total	20	-	2	2	1	1	3	5	3	1	-	1	1	44.3	3	5
KOK men	9	-	1	1	-	-	1	3	2	-	-	-	1	45.7	1	2
KOK women	11	-	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	-	1	-	43.1	2	3
SDP total	20	-	-	2	2	1	2	2	3	5	1	2	-	48.4	2	6
SDP men	11	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	2	4	1	-	-	50.0	1	3
SDP women	9	-	-	1	2	-	2	-	1	1	-	2	-	46.3	1	3
PS total	20	-	-	1	-	7	2	2	2	1	3	-	2	48.0	1	9
PS men	13	-	-	1	-	4	2	1	1	-	2	-	2	48.7	1	4
PS women	7	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	46.6	-	5
CENT total	20	-	1	4	-	4	3	3	3	1	-	1	-	41.3	2	3
CENT men	12	-	1	3	-	-	2	2	3	-	-	1	-	41.8	1	1
CENT women	8	-	-	1	-	4	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	40.5	1	2
LEFT total	20	-	1	3	2	5	-	1	2	3	1	2	-	43.7	-	6
LEFT men	11	-	1	1	2	2	-	1	1	2	1	-	-	42.2	-	2
LEFT women	9	-	-	2	-	3	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	45.4	-	4
GREENS total	20	-	1	2	4	4	2	3	1	1	-	1	1	41.3	1	4
GREENS men	8	-	-	1	3	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	39.8	-	1
GREENS women	12	-	1	1	1	2	2	3	-	1	-	-	1	42.3	1	3
RKP total	20	-	1	2	-	3	2	4	3	1	1	1	2	48.4	1	3
RKP men	11	-	-	1	-	2	1	2	1	-	1	1	2	52.5	1	2
RKP women	9	-	1	1	-	1	1	2	2	1	-	-	-	43.3	-	1
KD total	20	-	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	4	1	-	-	45.5	1	4
KD men	11	-	1	1	1	2	-	1	1	3	1	-	-	43.8	-	3

Party	Total	Age group												Average age	MEPs	MPs
		18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-			
KD women	9	-	-	-	-	1	3	2	2	1	-	-	-	47.6	1	1
IP total	20	-	-	1	2	1	2	4	3	2	2	2	1	49.7	-	-
IP men	16	-	-	1	1	1	1	4	3	1	2	1	1	49.8	-	-
IP women	4	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	49.5	-	-
KA total	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	1	63.0	-	-
KA men	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KA women	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	1	63.0	-	-
Pirate Pty total	20	-	1	4	5	5	3	1	-	-	-	1	-	35.5	-	-
Pirate Pty men	15	-	-	2	5	4	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	36.9	-	-
Pirate Pty women	5	-	1	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	31.4	-	-
Change 2011 total	20	-	2	2	5	3	-	1	3	-	2	-	2	42.4	-	-
Change 2011 men	16	-	2	1	4	3	-	1	2	-	1	-	2	41.9	-	-
Change 2011 women	4	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	44.0	-	-
SVR total	5	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	1	-	-	49.6	-	-
SVR men	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	52.0	-	-
SVR women	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	..	-	-
SKP total	20	-	2	2	2	1	2	2	-	4	3	2	-	46.0	-	-
SKP men	13	-	2	1	-	1	-	2	-	2	3	2	-	48.8	-	-
SKP women	7	-	-	1	2	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	40.7	-	-
Constituency associations total	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	..	-	-
Constituency associations men	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Constituency associations women	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	..	-	-

2. Name and number of candidates by party in the European Parliament elections 2014

Party / Candidate	Number
KOK / Andersson Jari	212
KOK / Häkkänen Antti	213
KOK / Kauma Pia	214
KOK / Kaunistola Mari	215
KOK / Korhola Eija-Riitta	216
KOK / Mäkinen Tapani	217
KOK / Nystén Carolina	218
KOK / Ojala Arto	219
KOK / Pietikäinen Sirpa	220
KOK / Pöntinen Kai	221
KOK / Quach Thai	222
KOK / Rasi Marjatta	223
KOK / Salla Aura	224
KOK / Sarvamaa Petri	225
KOK / Savolainen Jukka	226
KOK / Sounio-Ahtisaari Lisa	227
KOK / Stubb Alexander	228
KOK / Talvitie Mari-Leena	229
KOK / Virkkunen Henna	230
KOK / Virolainen Anne-Mari	231
SDP / Harakka Timo	232
SDP / Jaakonsaari Liisa	233
SDP / Jungner Mikael	234
SDP / Kantola Ilkka	235
SDP / Karjalainen Anne	236
SDP / Kiljunen Kimmo	237
SDP / Koskinen Johannes	238
SDP / Kumpula-Natri Miapetra	239
SDP / Laulumaa Janne	240
SDP / Mikkonen Anna-Kristiina	241
SDP / Myller Riitta	242
SDP / Paananen Reijo	243
SDP / Peltonen Tuula	244
SDP / Penny Kaisa	245
SDP / Razmyar Nasima	246
SDP / Repo Mitro	247
SDP / Taipale Kaarin	248
SDP / Vainio Eero	249
SDP / Vuolanne Antti	250
SDP / Wallgren Thomas	251
PS / Eerola Juho	82
PS / Elo Simon	83
PS / Halla-aho Jussi	84
PS / Havansi Erkki	85
PS / Huhtasaari Laura	86
PS / Kankaanniemi Toimi	87
PS / Kivelä Kimmo	88
PS / Kolehmainen Jani	89

Party / Candidate	Number
PS / Kulpakko Marko	90
PS / Lohela Maria	91
PS / Louhelainen Anne	92
PS / Matinpalo Ilkka	93
PS / Mattila Pirkko	94
PS / Poikonen Piritta	95
PS / Puisto Sakari	96
PS / Ruohonen-Lerner Pirkko	97
PS / Terho Sampo	98
PS / Tolppanen Maria	99
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PS / Väätäinen Juha	101
CENT / Hirvaskoski Johannes	192
CENT / Honkonen Petri	193
CENT / Häggman Johanna	194
CENT / Jäätteenmäki Anneli	195
CENT / Kaikkonen Antti	196
CENT / Katainen Elsi	197
CENT / Kaunisto Timo	198
CENT / Kemell Ann-Mari	199
CENT / Kosonen Hanna	200
CENT / Lappalainen Elina	201
CENT / Lehtinen Sanna	202
CENT / Ovaska Jouni	203
CENT / Pakkanen Antti	204
CENT / Pentikäinen Mikael	205
CENT / Pokela Ilmari	206
CENT / Rehn Olli	207
CENT / Takkula Hannu	208
CENT / Vehkaperä Mirja	209
CENT / Väyrynen Paavo	210
CENT / Ylikännö Martin	211
LEFT / Aarnos Eila	132
LEFT / Abu Taher Faruk	133
LEFT / Andersson Li	134
LEFT / Eerola Antero	135
LEFT / Haimi Toivo	136
LEFT / Kyllönen Merja	137
LEFT / Lapintie Annika	138
LEFT / Lohikoski Pia	139
LEFT / Modig Silvia	140
LEFT / Nieminen Janne	141
LEFT / Pasma Juha-Petteri	142
LEFT / Patomäki Heikki	143
LEFT / Pekkola Petri	144
LEFT / Saramo Jussi	145
LEFT / Sarkkinen Hanna	146
LEFT / Tiainen Eila	147
LEFT / Torkkola Sinikka	148

Party / Candidate	Number
LEFT / Uotila Kari	149
LEFT / Virtanen Erkki	150
LEFT / Välimäki Erno	151
GREENS / Aalto Touko	152
GREENS / Aikio Pekka	153
GREENS / Alanko-Kahiluoto Outi	154
GREENS / Auvinen Harri	155
GREENS / Bland Anne	156
GREENS / Cronberg Tarja	157
GREENS / Haapanen Satu	158
GREENS / Hautala Heidi	159
GREENS / Holopainen Hanna	160
GREENS / Ilvessalo Saara	161
GREENS / Kasvi Jyrki J.J.	162
GREENS / Kauppinen Sirpa (Siru)	163
GREENS / Kivekäs Otso	164
GREENS / Kousa Tuuli	165
GREENS / Ohisalo Maria	166
GREENS / Sinnemäki Anni	167
GREENS / Sumuvuori Johanna	168
GREENS / Tynkkynen Oras	169
GREENS / Vartia Antero	170
GREENS / Yanar Ozan	171
RKP / Borgarsdóttir Sandelin Silja	172
RKP / Böling Alina	173
RKP / Donner Jörn	174
RKP / Gestrin Christina	175
RKP / Gustafsson Åsa	176
RKP / Heijnsbroek-Wirén Mia	177
RKP / Jerkku Sven	178
RKP / Lundberg Britt	179
RKP / Mannfolk Niklas	180
RKP / Månsson Björn	181
RKP / Nygård-Fagerudd Wivan	182
RKP / Nylund Mats	183
RKP / Näkkäläjärvi Klemetti	184
RKP / Oksanen Michael	185
RKP / Rantala Marcus	186
RKP / von Smitten Karl	187
RKP / Storgård Päivi	188
RKP / Timonen Marlén	189
RKP / Torvalds Nils	190
RKP / Åstrand Bo-Göran	191
KD / Aalto Pirkka	107
KD / Ahvenjärvi Sauli	108
KD / Andersson Niklas	109
KD / Anttoora Marjo	110
KD / Behm Sari	111
KD / Essayah Sari	112

Party / Candidate	Number
KD / Himanen Tom	113
KD / Jääskeläinen Jouko	114
KD / Keskitalo Timo	115
KD / Kuokkanen Jukka-Pekka	116
KD / Loponen Marjo	117
KD / Nahkala Andrei	118
KD / Peuhkuri Laura	119
KD / Puolimatka Mia	120
KD / Richter Juha	121
KD / Riikonen Jere	122
KD / Räsänen Päivi	123
KD / Silvennoinen Birgitta	124
KD / Tuomela Tiina	125
KD / Östman Peter	126
IP / Berg Roland	62
IP / Finskas Jan	63
IP / Hellevig Jon	64
IP / Hentunen Pasi	65
IP / Honkonen Juhani	66
IP / Holm Stefan	67
IP / Holthoer Alexander	68
IP / Isosaari Timo	69
IP / Kaukinen Susanna	70
IP / Kare Veijo	71
IP / Kuittinen Arhi	72
IP / Mättö Saku	73
IP / Nevalainen Jarmo	74
IP / Nygård Mauri	75
IP / Papunen Seppo	76
IP / Pesonen Antti	77
IP / Putkonen Janus	78
IP / Siltanen Marika	79
IP / Vallin Francesca	80
IP / Wiksten Lena	81
KA / Savola Terttu	102
KA / Parkkinen Tiina	103
KA / Havana Kaisu	104
KA / Togluk Eija	105
KA / Ahoipelto Elina	106
Pirate Pty / Apajalahti Ahto	42
Pirate Pty / Böök Mikael	43
Pirate Pty / Hautakangas Ville	44
Pirate Pty / Hukkinen Janne	45
Pirate Pty / Immonen Satu	46
Pirate Pty / Isomaa Mika	47
Pirate Pty / Karvinen Tapani	48
Pirate Pty / Kivistö Harri	49
Pirate Pty / Lampila Arto	50
Pirate Pty / Letonsaari Mika	51

Party / Candidate	Number
Pirate Pty / Morri Maria	52
Pirate Pty / Mustonen Pekka	53
Pirate Pty / Paalijärvi Janne	54
Pirate Pty / Pennanen Petrus	55
Pirate Pty / Plommer Raoul	56
Pirate Pty / Purojärvi Jonna	57
Pirate Pty / Rynnänen Ari	58
Pirate Pty / Siintola Saara	59
Pirate Pty / Sunde Kolmisoppi Peter	60
Pirate Pty / Zarrouk Mira	61
Change 2011 / Eronen-Kuhanen Helena	2
Change 2011 / Eturautti Kyuu	3
Change 2011 / Fryckman Peter	4
Change 2011 / Harjula Oili	5
Change 2011 / Hellman Timo	6
Change 2011 / Järviharju Matti	7
Change 2011 / Kalliojärvi Kristiina	8
Change 2011 / Koljonen Kimmo	9
Change 2011 / Kuisma Janne	10
Change 2011 / Kuru Tuukka	11
Change 2011 / Lehtipuu Markus	12
Change 2011 / Leino Jari	13
Change 2011 / Lintula Oula-Antti	14
Change 2011 / Lokka Junes	15
Change 2011 / Onkamo Sanna	16
Change 2011 / Orre Taisto	17
Change 2011 / Rosenström Eerin	18
Change 2011 / Saarela Atte	19
Change 2011 / Tulonen Antti	20
Change 2011 / Väli-Klemelä Jari	21
SVR / Aalto Kai	127
SVR / Alajoki Heimo	128
SVR / Lehto Esa	129
SVR / Leipävuori Raimo	130
SVR / Palosaari Anu	131
SKP / Dahl Rita	22
SKP / Hulden Lena	23
SKP / Hyvönen Hannu	24
SKP / Jalkanen Timo	25
SKP / Ketoharju Heikki	26
SKP / Koirikivi Tuukka	27
SKP / Laitinen Matti	28
SKP / Lievema Tommi	29
SKP / López Sánchez Miguel	30
SKP / Lundgrén Pekka	31
SKP / Packalén Petra	32
SKP / Pitkä Tero	33
SKP / Rissanen Susanna	34
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Party / Candidate	Number
SKP / Sorvali Ritva	36
SKP / Suominen Simo	37
SKP / Suonperä Arjo	38
SKP / Tanski Juhani	39
SKP / Väisänen Juha-Pekka	40
SKP / Ylönen Iida	41
Constituency associations / Ilmarinen Kristiina	252

3. European Parliament, seats of the Member States for the parliamentary term 2014 to 2019, 2009 to 2014 and 2004 to 2009

Member State	number of seats in 2014 to 2019	number of seats in 2009 to 2014	number of seats in 2004 to 2009
Total	751	766	732
Germany	96	99	99
France	74	74	78
United Kingdom	73	73	78
Italy	73	73	78
Spain	54	54	54
Poland	51	51	54
Romania	32	33	0
Netherlands	26	26	27
Greece	21	22	24
Belgium	21	22	24
Portugal	21	22	24
Czech Republic	21	22	24
Hungary	21	22	24
Sweden	20	20	19
Austria	18	19	18
Bulgaria	17	18	0
Denmark	13	13	14
Slovakia	13	13	14
Finland	13	13	14
Ireland	11	12	13
Croatia	11	12	0
Lithuania	11	12	13
Slovenia	8	8	7
Latvia	8	9	9
Estonia	6	6	6
Cyprus	6	6	6
Luxembourg	6	6	6
Malta	6	6	5

European Parliament elections, quality description

1. Relevance of statistical information

1.1 Summary of the information content of statistics

Statistics Finland produces official statistics from European Parliament elections containing key data on the candidates, elected councillors, those entitled to vote, those who voted and support gained by the parties. Preliminary data have been published on the Internet starting from the first European Parliament elections held in Finland (1996); these statistics are updated by the figures of the confirmed result. Statistics Finland's statistics pages on European Parliament elections also include tables in databases, i.e. the StatFin online service, containing data by voting district starting from 2004.

1.2 Essential concepts

Holding of elections

The European Parliament elections are held every five years in all EU Member States. The European Parliament is the only international organ that the citizens elect by direct elections. National authorities are in charge of practical arrangements for the elections. In Finland the organiser is the Ministry of Justice that confirms the candidates and the election result. In Finland the European Parliament elections are held on Sunday, 25 May. Elections are held in accordance with the Election Act in force, more details on the Ministry of Justice's webpages www.vaalit.fi (=> Legislation) and www.finlex.fi, Election Act (714/1998).

Legislation

The elections for the Members of European Parliament (European Parliament elections) are held in each Member State in accordance with the national election legislation. In addition, the stipulations of the EU's election regulation (from 1976) are followed. With the revision of election legislation in 1998, all provisions on elections were collected into one single act, the Election Act (714/1998), which entered into force on 8 October 1998. The Act 1213/2013 amended Paragraph 2 Section 2 and Paragraph 3 Section 18 of the Election Act (714/1998). The Act 1213/2013 entered into force on 1 January 2014.

The main principles of holding elections

All elections in Finland are held according to the following principles:

- **The elections are direct.** Electors (those entitled to vote) vote directly for the person they want to be elected.
- **The elections are proportional.** In proportional elections each party or other group gains seats in relation to the votes cast for it compared with the votes cast for other groups (not in presidential elections).
- **The elections are secret.** Secrecy of the ballot means that neither the election authorities nor anyone else get to know for whom voters have cast their votes or whether they have returned an empty ballot.
- **The right to vote is universal and equal.** Universal franchise means that the right to vote only depends on requirements which citizens usually fulfil. Equal franchise means that every person entitled to vote has an equal right to influence the election results. In general elections everybody has one vote.
- **Voting is personal.** The right to vote may not be used through an agent.
- **Voting takes place in front of election authorities.**
- **The Finnish election system is a combination of voting for individuals and parties,** where a vote goes to both a party and a person (not in presidential elections).

Right to vote (Paragraph 2 Section 2, amended on 1 January 2014), establishing the voting register and the information contained in this (Paragraph 3 Section 16, amended on 1 January 2014) and eligibility

Entitled to vote in European Parliament elections held in Finland are:

1. Regardless of the domicile every Finnish citizen who has reached the age of 18 not later than on the day of the election, and

2. Every citizen of another Member State of the European Union who has reached the age of 18 not later than on the day of the election and whose municipality of residence, as defined by law, is in Finland or who is employed by the European Union or an international organisation or a family member of such a person if he/she resides in Finland and his/her data are stored in the Population Information System as prescribed in the Act on the Population Information System and on the certification services of the Population Register Centre (661/2009). A person who has lost the right to vote based on a decision in a civil or criminal case in the Member State whose citizen he/she is (home Member State) is not, however, eligible to vote.

A person entitled to vote may only vote in one Member State in the same European elections, either in his/her home state or in his/her country of residence.

A Finnish citizen, who has registered as a voter in another Member State within the set time limit, is not entitled to vote in the European Parliament elections in Finland.

Persons with a right to vote can vote either 1) during the advance voting, or 2) on the election Sunday.

Establishing the voting register and the information contained in this

If the municipality of residence of a person entitled to vote is not in Finland on the 51st day before election day, the municipality in the population register in accordance with the Municipality of Residence Act is entered into the voting register instead of the municipality of residence. If this municipality no longer belongs to the Finnish territory the City of Helsinki is used. If a citizen of another EU Member State entitled to vote in the European Parliament elections does not have a municipality of residence in Finland, the municipality of the polling station is entered into the voting register instead of the municipality of residence. In such cases, the person entitled to vote belongs to the voting district which the council has based on Paragraph 1, Section 8 decreed as the voting district for persons who have not been registered under any real estate in the Population Information System.

Eligibility

The provisions on eligibility are the same as in parliamentary elections. Thus eligible are

1. All Finnish citizens who are entitled to vote in elections and not legally incompetent, and
2. All citizens of a Member State of the EU who are entitled to vote and who have registered and been entered into the voting register in Finland, and who have not lost eligibility in elections in their home state.

However, a member of the European Parliament cannot be:

1. A member of the Council of State;
2. A member of the European Commission;
3. A Judge, Advocate-General or Registrar of the European Court of Justice or of the Court of First Instance;
4. A member of the executive board of the European Central Bank;
5. A member of the European Court of Auditors;
6. The European Ombudsman;
7. A member of the Economic or Social Committees for the European Community or the European Atomic Energy Community;
8. A member of the Committee of Regions;
9. A member of a Committee or another body responsible for the permanent administration or finances of the Community as is provided in the Treaties regarding the European Community and the European Atomic Energy Community;
10. A member of the Board of Directors and Board of Governors of the European Investment Bank and a member of staff of the European Investment Bank;
11. An official or a staff member working in the service of a body or a specialist organisation of the European Community;
12. A person who is in a post or a position that impedes membership of a Parliament as is provided in the Constitution.

Nomination of candidates

Candidates in European elections may be nominated by

1. Parties entered into the party register, and
2. Constituency associations established by people entitled to vote.

The candidates enter as candidates in the entire country. Each party may nominate not more than 20 candidates. Parties may form electoral alliances. However, the maximum number of candidates for parties forming an electoral alliance may be the same as for an individual party, i.e. 20. All candidates are nominated for the whole country. A constituency association for the nomination of one candidate may be established by at least 2,000 people entitled to vote. Constituency associations may form a joint list that can have at most 20 candidates.

The Electoral District Committee of Helsinki compiles a combined list of the candidates in which the candidates of all parties, constituency associations and joint lists are enumerated in an order drawn by lot. The combined list contains the following information on the candidates: number (beginning with number 2), name, municipality of residence and title, profession or position.

Seats

The parliamentary seats are divided so that the Member States small in population have in relative terms more seats than large Member States. In the 2014 elections a total of 751 members will be elected to the European Parliament from 28 Member State, of whom 13 will be elected from Finland.

Parliamentary seats are divided between the parties, electoral alliances and constituency associations by the number of votes gained by them in the whole country following the d'Hondt method. The party, electoral alliance or joint list receives as its first comparative index the total number of votes cast for the party, electoral alliance or joint list concerned. The candidate with the highest number of votes cast in the group then gets as a comparative index the total number of votes cast for the group, the second one half of the number of votes and the third one third and so on.

Changes in constituencies and municipalities and consolidations of municipalities

Changes in constituencies and municipalities and consolidations of municipalities concerning elections of different years are presented on the Internet in the Classifications section (on the homepage of European Parliament elections).

The division into constituencies was changed in the act on amending the Election Act (271/2013) that entered into force on 1 September 2013. In accordance with the transitional provision of the act, the old division into constituencies that includes 15 constituencies will, however, be applied to the 2014 European Parliament elections. Municipalities are placed into constituencies according to the constituency division in force.

The valid statistical grouping of municipalities is used in the statistics (Statistics Finland, Municipalities and Regional Divisions Based on Municipalities). In the statistical grouping of municipalities, municipalities are divided by the proportion of the population living in urban settlements and by the population of the largest urban settlement into urban, semi-urban and rural municipalities. The classification is based on the definition of urban settlements made in 2013 and the population of the municipality in 2012. The definition of urban settlements is produced yearly by the Finnish Environment Institute.

1. Urban municipalities are those municipalities in which at least 90 per cent of the population lives in urban settlements, or in which the population of the largest urban settlement is at least 15,000.
2. Semi-urban municipalities are those municipalities in which at least 60 per cent but less than 90 per cent of the population lives in urban settlements, or in which the population of the largest urban settlement is at least 4,000 but less than 15,000.
3. Rural municipalities are those municipalities in which less than 60 per cent of the population lives in urban settlements, and in which the population of the largest urban settlement is less than 15,000, as well as those municipalities in which at least 60 per cent but less than 90 per cent of the population lives in urban settlements, and in which the population of the largest urban settlement is less than 4,000.

Classifications used

Names of constituencies in European Parliament elections in 2014 are:

1. Helsinki constituency
2. Uusimaa constituency
3. Varsinais-Suomi constituency
4. Satakunta constituency
5. Åland constituency
6. Häme constituency
7. Pirkanmaa constituency
8. Kymi constituency
9. South Savo constituency
10. North Savo constituency
11. North Karelia constituency
12. Vaasa constituency
13. Central Finland constituency
14. Oulu constituency
15. Lapland constituency

In the European Parliament elections Finland forms one constituency. The candidates stand as candidates in the whole country and the voters may vote for any candidate. However, the votes cast in the European Parliament elections are initially counted by national constituency and the election committee of the constituency of Helsinki combines the results of all constituencies into a result for the whole country.

Statistics Finland's classification of municipalities. Constituency, municipality group, municipality, voting district, party (included in the Party Register), age of candidates and elected councillors, nationality and country of residence.

Candidates have been nominated in the European Parliament elections 2014 by the following registered parties (14/16):

- The Finnish Social Democratic Party (SDP)
- Centre Party of Finland (KESK)
- National Coalition Party (KOK)
- Swedish People's Party in Finland (RKP)
- Christian Democrats in Finland (KD)
- Green League (VIHR)
- The Left Alliance (VAS)
- The Finns Party (PS)
- Independence Party (IP)
- For the Poor (KA)
- Pirate Party of Finland
- Change 2011
- Blue and White Front r.p (SVR)
- The Communist Party of Finland (SKP)

Data collection methods and data sources

Statistics Finland receives basic election data from the Ministry of Justice's election data system, the technical implementation of which it has assigned to Tieto Oyj. Statistics Finland collects data with a separate form on advance voting from municipalities that do not use an electronic voting register (municipalities in the Region of Åland).

1.3 Acts, decrees and recommendations

The function of Statistics Finland is to compile statistics describing conditions in society (Statistics Finland Act of 24 January 1992/48). These also include election statistics. Statistics Finland's Rules of Procedure define the Population and Social Statistics department as the producer of election statistics (Statistics Finland's Rules of Procedure, TK-00-1497-12).

2. Methodological description of survey

The statistics are based on census data. The basic data of the statistics are based on the Ministry of Justice's election data system consisting of six subsystems. These are:

1. Basic data, including data on constituencies, municipalities, voting districts and election authorities;
2. Data on polling stations (polling station register), including data on general advance polling stations and polling stations on the election day;
3. Franchise data (voting register) for which data on every person entitled to vote are collected by the Population Register Centre on the 46th day before the election day. The voting register includes of all entitled to vote the data (name, personal identity code, constituency, municipality of domicile and polling station) included in the Population Information System on the 51st day prior to the election day. The voting register gains legal force at 12:00 noon on the 12th day prior to the election day;
4. Data on candidates (candidate register) in which the following data on each candidate in the elections are entered: name, candidate number, profession, municipality of residence, party/constituency association that has nominated the candidate, and personal identity code;
5. A centralised calculation system to which the electoral district committees and the central election committees submit their results of the elections;
6. A Statistical and information service system by means of which the results of the elections and other statistical data are transmitted to the media and to Statistics Finland.

Statistics Finland's election data system comprises four election data files: regional file, party file, candidate file and candidate register.

3. Correctness and accuracy of data

The basic data of the statistics derive from the Ministry of Justice's election data system and from data supplied by the election authorities, which can be considered reliable.

4. Timeliness and accuracy of data

The confirmed data always differ somewhat from the figures of the preliminary statistics. The 'preliminary results' after the election night serve users before the confirmed result is obtained.

The results change once the result is confirmed in all respects: by voting district, municipality, constituency, party and number of votes gained by candidates and by the elected, whereby even their mutual order may change.

5. Accessibility and transparency/clarity of data

The first data, or preliminary statistics are published on the Internet, in the StatFin service and on the statistics pages on European Parliament elections as soon as possible. Election data by municipality and voting district and the numbers of votes gained by elected MEPs are entered in the StatFin service.

Releases and tables concerning the elections in question are available in three languages (Finnish, Swedish and English) on the statistics pages on European Parliament elections. The second, or final, data are supplied to Statistics Finland after the election result is confirmed. After the confirmation of the election result, the confirmed data corresponding to the preliminary statistics are released on the statistics pages on European Parliament elections and the StatFin databases are updated.

6. Comparability of statistics

The statistical grouping of municipalities (urban, semi-urban and rural) was introduced starting from 1999. Prior to that, municipalities were grouped as follows: towns and other municipalities. Changes in constituencies and municipalities between the elections have been taken into account in statistics that have comparative data with the results of the previous elections.

Election results are presented on the statistics pages on European Parliament elections starting from the first European Parliament elections in 1996. Preliminary statistics on European Parliament elections are released on the statistics pages on the Internet. In addition, the StatFin online service has a time series on European Parliament elections starting from 1996 (NB From 2004 also data by voting district).

7. Coherence and consistency/uniformity and documentation

The Ministry of Justice publishes exhaustive information about different elections and the national candidate register and election result data on its webpages (www.vaalit.fi). The statistics on advance voters published by the Ministry of Justice differ from Statistics Finland's statistics on advance voters, because they are defined on different grounds:

- The Ministry of Justice counts the number of advance voters from the number of those entitled to vote, whereas
- Statistics Finland counts the number of advance voters from the number of all persons who voted.

The classifications used in the statistics can be found on Statistics Finland's website.

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