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## Weekly Election Highlights

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### Europe is voting!

**European elections have officially started!** Several countries offer the possibility for early voting - in Estonia, you can vote online since Monday 3. It was Election Day in the Netherlands on Thursday 6. Today on 7 June, the Irish and the Czech are heading to the polls with the rest of Europe following suit over the weekend.

In total, **around 360 million Europeans are called to the polls to elect the 720 members of the next European Parliament.**

2 million 16 and 17 year olds will be eligible to vote for the first time - the voting age is set at 16 in Belgium, Germany, Malta and Austria and at 17 in Greece. In all remaining countries, you must be 18 to vote.

**Information on how and when to vote** is available on the [elections website](#).

**Estimates** (from 20.15-20.30 CEST) and **provisional results** (from 23.15-23.30 CEST) of the elections **will be updated in real time on the [European elections results website](#).**

### Covering the European Elections live

Media can use footage of the Elections taking place in all the EU Member States from [EbS](#) or the [Multimedia Centre](#). Footage of a Dutch polling station set in a windmill is available [here](#). EU citizens have already voted [on the island of Svartsö in Sweden](#), or [on a ferry in Kemiönsaari \(Finland\)](#). EU citizens from fourteen countries also had the opportunity to [vote by mail, like the Greek](#). **Footage of the elections will be uploaded throughout the weekend** - including recordings of lead candidates and group leaders casting their vote.

### Election days and night in Brussels

The European Parliament in Brussels has been completely transformed to accommodate **over 1000 media representatives coming from over 90 countries**. The Hemicycle is turned into one giant press room. 700 working spaces are foreseen for journalists, 125 stand-up positions have been prepared, among which 66 in the hemicycle on three levels covering 420m<sup>2</sup> and 185 broadband lines for transmission are foreseen.

Practical details for journalists and a rundown of elections days and night are available [here](#).

## Good to know

- EU countries' Ombudsmen and the chairs of national petitions committees have issued a [joint statement](#) calling for all eligible citizens to go to vote, emphasising the need for strong civic engagement to bolster democratic institutions.
- Still unsure about whom to vote for? A few pan-European apps were developed to help you make your choice, such as [Palumba](#), [EU&I](#), [VoteSwiper](#) or [EuroMPmatch](#).

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