




Austria¹

National Parties	Group in the European Parliament	Link to the party's official site	Link to the official campaign site	Link to the programme	Slogan	Link to the list(s)
Austrian People's Party² (ÖVP) Österreichische Volkspartei		http://www.oevp.at/index.aspx?pageid=37421	http://www.oevp.at/europa/index.aspx?pageid=39341	http://www.oevp.at/Common/Downloads/EP_Wahl_Wahlprogramm_A5_RZ_klein_gesamt.pdf	Europa wählt, Österreich entscheidet (Europe votes, Austria decides)	http://www.oevp.at/europa/index.aspx?pageid=38450
Social Democratic Party (SPÖ) Sozialdemokratische Partei Österreichs		http://www.spoe.at	http://spoe.at/euwahl	http://spoe.at/bilder/d270/wahlmanifest2009.pdf?108091	Das A Team für Europa (The „A“ team for Europe)	http://www.spoe.at/euwahl/aTeam
Greens Die Grünen		http://www.gruene.at	http://www.gruene.at/index.php?id=68806	http://www.gruene.at/uploads/media/Wahlprogramm_Gruene_EP_2009_03.pdf	Vorwärts Grün - Vorwärts Europa!	http://eurogreens.at/lunacek/
The Freedom Party of Austria (FPÖ) Freiheitliche Partei Österreichs	-	http://www.fpoe.at	http://www.fpoe.at/?id=13221	x	x	http://www.fpoe.at/?id=13221
Alliance for the future of Austria (BZÖ) Bündnis Zukunft Österreich	-	http://www.bzoe.at	http://www.bzoe.at/index.php?content=kampagne_wahl09	http://www.bzoe.at/download/leit Antrag.pdf	Für ein Europa der Bürger (For a Europe of the citizens)	http://select.cms.apa.at/cms/bzoe/einzel.html?channel=CH0038&doc=CMS1240828536007

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² The parties highlighted in blue are the governing parties

Analysis of the electoral campaign 5 weeks before the elections:

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Date of the Election: 7th June

Number of MEPs to be elected: 17

The Social Democratic Party list (SPÖ) will be led by Hannes Swoboda, the present Vice-President of the European Socialist Party (PES) who will be taking the position of lead candidate for the third time (1999 and 2004). The Social Democratic Party's goal is to maintain the lead position on the political stage. The ruling party has focused its programme on economic and social issues and is highlighting the "defence of the weak" in the economic crisis.

The People's Party's list (ÖVP) will be led by former Home Minister Ernst Strasser, chair of Hilfswerk, an NGO based in Lower Austria, followed by Othmar Karas. Ernst Strasser's choice has led political analysts to believe that the People's Party is about to undertake a "hard" campaign in support of more order and a reduction in immigration. The ÖVP is also trying to assert itself as being the best positioned to work for the country in the future European Parliament whose majority is due to remain within the hands of the European People's Party (EPP), the group to which it belongs.

The Greens may suffer from the absence of Johannes Voggenhuber, head of the list in 2004 and the major absentee from the ecologist list this year. They will be led by Ulrike Lunacek, the present European Greens' spokesperson. The ecologist party is fighting against the re-election of José Manuel Barroso as head of the European Commission. It is also demanding an energy revolution and the establishment of a minimum social insurance system in the Union.

The Liberal Party (FPÖ) has chosen Andreas Mölzer as its lead candidate and will be campaigning on the economic crisis. Its head of list wants greater cooperation between the rightwing parties in Europe and says it supports an alliance with the Northern League (LN) from Italy. Andreas Mölzer indicated that the Liberal Party may join the Union for Europe of the Nations (UEN) after the European elections. Finally the Alliance for the future of Austria (BZÖ) is due to appoint Ewald Stadler as head of list, but this choice has not been made official yet. The party has planned to undertake a campaign that focuses on unemployment and social matters. Its leader Heinz-Christian Strache said that his party would defend Austria's sovereignty, identity and neutrality. Finally Hans-Peter Martin decided to stand in the European election with his own list. Former MEP from the Social Democratic Party, eurosceptic Hans-Peter Martin won 14.04% in the last election in 2004.

According to the most recent polls the Social Democratic Party is due to win 31%, just ahead of the People's Party (30%). These two parties will be followed by the Liberal Party, 16%, the Greens, 10%, the Hans-Peter Martin List, 8% and the Alliance for Austria, 5%.