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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 detailed list
Centre démocrate humaniste (Democratic Humanist and Democratic Centre) (CDH) ²		http://www.lecdh.be	x	http://www.lecdh.be/programme-cdh/Programme-Europe.pdf	Un autre monde, une autre Europe ! (Another world, another Europe !)	http://www.lecdh.be/liste_europeenne.html
Christen-Democratisch en Vlaams (CD&V) (Christian Democratic & Flemish Party)		http://www.cdenv.be	x	http://www.cdenv.be/sites/cdenv/files/u14451/cdenv-europees-verkiezingsprogramma-2009.pdf	sterk in moeilijke tijden (Strong in adversity)	http://www.cdenv.be/verkiezingen/europa/kandidaten
Socialistische Partij (PSB-BSP) Belgian Socialist Party		http://www.ps.be	http://www.ps.be/élections2009/	http://www.ps.be/_iusr/programmepunioneuropeenneelections2009.pdf	Une économie plus juste, une Europe plus humaine (A fairer economy, a more human Europe)	http://www.ps.be/élections2009/listeeuropeenne/
Parti socialiste (SP.A) Sociaal Progressief Alternatief Progressive Alternative Party		http://www.s-p-a.be	x	http://www leden-beheer-s-p-a.be/bestanden/verkiezing2009/spa_europees_kiesprogramma09_kort.pdf	een eerlijke koers voor europa (A fair price in Europe)	http://www.vlaamsekiezlijsten.be/Europa/

¹ Updated 27/05/09

² The parties highlighted in blue are the governing parties

(Open VLD) Vlaamse Liberalen en Democraten Flemish Liberals and Democrats		http://www.vld.be	x	x	x	http://www.vld.be/?type=lijsten&w=vk
Mouvement réformateur (MR) Reform Movement		http://www.mr.be	http://www.reinventons.be/	http://www.reinventons.be/programmeEU.pdf	x	http://www.reinventons.be/
Partei der Deutschsprachigen Belgier (PDB) German Speaking Belgian Party		http://www.pju-pdb.be	x	x	x	x
Écologistes confédérés pour l'organisation de lutttes originales (ÉCOLO) Confederate Ecologists for the Organisation of Original Struggle		http://www.ecolo.be	http://web4.ecolo.be/spip.php?rubrique151	http://web4.ecolo.be/spip.php?rubrique187	x	http://web4.ecolo.be/spip.php?article1192
Verts ! Groen! Green!		http://www.groen.be	http://www.groen.be/nieuws_1.aspx	http://www.groen.be/uploads/programma/09/Europees_Programma.pdf	Groene vegen voor beter europa (A green sweep for a better Europe)	http://www.groen.be/nieuws/kandidaten/europese-verkiezingen_278.aspx
Parti communiste de Belgique - Kommunistische Partij van België (PCB-KPB) Belgian Communist Party		http://www.particomuniste.be http://www.kp-online.be	http://www.particomuniste.be/politique-nationale/social/communique-du-27-fevrier-2009--elections-2009-100-jours-pour-dire-ensemble-passons-a-autre-chose.html	http://www.particomuniste.be/elections-2009/materiel/liste-pc-ge-dix-virages-a-gauche-pour-changer-europe.html	Une autre Europe est possible (Another Europe is possible)	http://www.particomuniste.be/elections-2009/materiel/communique-du-25-avril-2009--liste-pc-ge-le-7-juin-le-20-aura-une-jolie-robe-rouge-ecarlate.html

Les Progressistes flamands (VP) VlaamsProgressieven Flemish Progressives	-	http://www.vlaamsprogressieven.be	x	http://www.slp.be/assets/SLP-Programma-Europa.pdf	x	http://www.slp.be/assets/Europees-Parlement-lijst-SLP.pdf
Front démocratique des francophones (FDF) Democratic French-Speaking Front	-					
Rassemblement wallon (RW) Walloon Assembly	-	http://www.sp-info.be	x	x	x	http://wahlen.sp-dg.be/2009/eu/index.htm
Front national - Nationaal Front (FN-NF) National Front	-	http://www.frontnational.be	x	x	x	http://www.fn.be/divers/candidats-du-front-national-pour-les-elections-europeennes-du-7-juin.html
Parti socialiste (SP) Sozialistische Partei Socialist Party	-	http://www.sp-info.be/				
Parti social-démocrate (CSP) Christlich Soziale Partei Social Democratic Party	-	http://www.csp-dg.be	http://csp-dg.be/wahlen-2009/europawahlen	http://csp-dg.be/wahlen-2009/europaprogramm-2009/view	x	http://csp-dg.be/wahlen-2009/europawahlen
Lijst de decker	-	http://www.lijstdedecker.com/	http://www.lijstdedecker.com/	http://www.lijstdedecker.com/	LDD, les euroréalistes (LDD, the eurorealists)	http://www.stemgevoel.be/
Parti pour la liberté et le progrès (PFF) Partei für Freiheit und Fortschritt The Party for Freedom and Progress	-	http://www.pff.be	http://www.wahlen-2009.be/	x	x	http://www.wahlen-2009.be/main.php?page=267&lng=de

Nouvelle alliance flamande (NVA) Nieuw Vlaamse Alliantie New Flemish Alliance	-	http://www.n-va.be	x	http://www.n-va.be/verkiezingen/programma/europeesprogramma.asp	x	http://www.n-va.be/verkiezingen/kandidaten/lijsteuropa.asp
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Analysis of the electoral campaign 5 weeks before the elections:

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Date of the election: 7th June (regional elections on the same day)

Number of MEPs to be elected: 22

7, 752, 878 voters are invited to ballot for the European elections on 7th June. The number of non-Belgian European voters totals 63,248 i.e. 10.69% of the potential number of voters (591, 914). On the same day the Belgians will also be voting in their regional elections.

12 lists have officially been recorded by the French college. The Socialist Party (PS) will be led by Jean-Claude Marcourt, the Reform Movement (MR) by European Development and Humanitarian Aid Commissioner Louis Michel and the Humanist Democratic Centre (CDH) by Anne Delvaux who will also feature second on the Walloon Brabant list in the regional elections. The Senator did however announce that she will opt for Europe if she is elected on both lists.

The National Front list (FN) led by the General Secretary Patrick Sessler was rejected initially but finally achieved the missing 280 signatures of the necessary 5,000 in order to stand. However the "Belgium, let's be positive" list and the second FN list put forward by Nicotra were not selected since they did not succeed in collating the vital signatures before 16th April. An amusing fact: Tine van Rompuy, the Prime Minister's sister is running third on the far left list, the Labour Party (PTB+). Again on the far left and for the French speakers the Socialist Struggle Party (Parti Socialiste de lutte – PSL) will be putting forward a joint list with the Revolutionary Communist League (LCR). On the Flemish side its counterpart is called Linkse Socialistische Partij (LSP).

11 lists have been recorded for the Dutch college. Elio di Rupo, Chairman of the French-speaking Socialist Party has called on the Belgians to fight "uniform liberal thought". He is against a second term office for José Manuel Barroso as head of the European Commission. He is demanding that general elections also be organized on 7th June next together with the regional and European elections. "In the next five years I would like to promote Europe in my role as MEP," declared former Prime Minister Guy Verhofstadt at the congress organized for the launch of his party's campaign, the Flemish Liberals and Democrats (VLD). In his opinion the

election on 7th June will focus on one issue: "Do we want more of Europe or on the contrary are we to fall back into nationalism and protectionism?" Jean-Luc Dehaene will lead the Flemish Christian Democratic Party list (CD&V) of present Prime Minister Herman van Rompuy. Finally populist Senator Jean-Marie Dedecker, former selector for the Belgian Judo team will take the lead position on his own list, the Dedecker List, (LDD) in the European elections. However he has said that he would not take up his seat in Strasbourg and would leave his place to the third person on his list and also his first substitute, Derk Jan Eppink.

Seven parties will be running in the German speaking college. Mathieu Grosch, the only Belgian German speaking MEP who has sat in Parliament since 1994 will lead the CDH list, Resi Stoffels, the PS list, Bernd Gentges, the MR list and Claudia Niessen, the Ecolo list.

The country's German speaking community (around 70,000 people) retains a seat in Strasbourg in spite of the reduction of the Belgian delegation that will drop from 24 to 22 members in the next term in office.

In the polls the CD&V is in the lead in Flanders (21.9%) followed by the Dedecker List (16.6%) which is ahead of Open VLD (16.3%). In Wallonia the PS is credited with 27.2% of the vote followed by MR (24.8%), Ecolo (19.7%) and CDH (18.3%). Finally in Brussels the MR is easily dominating with 27.9% of the vote, followed by the PS (19.6%), Ecolo (19.4%) and the CDH (14.5%).