





Cyprus¹

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
Democratic Rally (DISY) Dimokratikos Synagermos		www.disy.org.cy	http://www.disy.org.cy/default.asp?id=528	x	x	http://www.disy.org.cy/default.asp?id=528
Social Democratic Party (EDEK) Kinima Sosialdimokraton		www.edek.org.cy	x	x	x	http://www.edek.org.cy/link.php?id=163
Democratic Party (DIKO) ² Dimokratiko Komma		www.diko.org.cy	x	x	x	http://www.diko.org.cy/edit/article.asp?articleID=210
Progressive Party of the Working People (AKEL) Anorthotiko Komma Ergazomenou Laou		www.akel.org.cy	http://www.akel.org.cy/nqcontent.cfm?a_id=5887&tt=graphic&lang=I3	http://www.akel.org.cy/nqcontent.cfm?a_id=5887&tt=graphic&lang=I3	x	http://www.akel2009.eu/

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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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Election date: 6th June

Number of MEPs to be elected: 6

525,000 people are on the electoral rolls 10,000 of whom do not live on the island – 1, 300 are Cypriots from the Northern Part of the island (who are being allowed to vote for the European Parliament for the first time), 5,000 are citizens of one of the 26 other Union Member States and 7,400 are first time voters. The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus asked to have two of the six Cypriot seats in the European Parliament, a request that was rejected by the authorities. Some people threatened to take the case to the Court of Justice and to demand the cancellation of the European elections on the island.

The main parties will be running in the European election. The campaign has not really started on the island and the population was more interested in the general elections results of 19th April in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. Indeed the President of the Republic of Cyprus, Demetris Christofias (Progressive Workers Party, AKEL) elected in February 2008 has taken up negotiations with his counterparts in the North with regard to the reunification of Cyprus after having been frozen for years.

A new political party has entered the European elections race, the Movement for the Reunification of Cyprus (former Free Famagouste Movement founded in May 2006), led by Yoannis Karseras. This party claims to be non partisan and is mainly fighting, as its name indicates, for the reunification of the country. In addition to Yoannis Karseras three other candidates will be running: Stelios Diogenous (who works in tourism), Marianna Economides (who works in education) and Christos Orphanides (chairman of the Greek Expats Union of Pont-Euxin, Panayia Soumela).