



Czech Republic ¹

National Parties	Group in the European Parliament	Link to the official party site	Link to the official campaign site	Link to the programme	Slogan	Link to the detailed list
Christian Democratic Union (KDU-ČSL) Křesťanská a demokratická unie – Československá strana lidová ²		http://www.kdu.cz	http://www.evropskevolby.cz/	http://www.kdu.cz/default.asp?page=510&idr=10920&IDCI=27278	x	http://www.evropskevolby.cz/default.asp?page=51&IDR=10872&id_rok=
Civic Democratic Party (ODS) Občanská demokratická strana		http://www.ods.cz	http://www.ods.eu/kandidati-do-evropskeho-parlamentu.html	http://ods.eu/program.html	x	http://www.ods.eu/kandidati-do-evropskeho-parlamentu.html
Social Democratic Party (ČSSD) Česká strana sociálně demokratická		http://www.cssd.cz	http://eu.cssd.cz/	http://www.cssd.cz/volby-2009/jistota-program-2009/strana1.html	x	http://eu.cssd.cz/kandidati-cssd/vsichni-kandidati.html
Green Party (SZ) Strana Zelených		http://www.zeleni.cz	http://euvolby.zeleni.cz/	http://euvolby.zeleni.cz/11-Nas_program	x	http://euvolby.zeleni.cz/2-Kandidati
Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia (KSČM) Komunistická strana Čech a Moravy		http://www.kscm.cz	http://www.kscm.cz/artikle.asp?thema=3843&item=41413	http://www.kscm.cz/index.asp?thema=4146&category=	x	http://www.kscm.cz/index.asp?thema=4106&category=
Freedom Union – Democratic Union (US-DEU) Unie svobody - Demokratická unie	x	http://www.unie.cz	http://www.starostove-alternativa.cz/kampan.htm	http://www.starostove-alternativa.cz/program.htm	Starostové závislí - vaše alternativa	http://www.starostove-alternativa.cz/

¹ Updated 27/05/09

² The parties highlighted in blue are the governing parties

Parti des citoyens libre (SSO) Strana svobodných občanů	-	http://www.svobodni.cz/	http://www.svobodni.cz/sekce.aspx?id=49	http://www.svobodni.cz/sekce.aspx?id=37	The EU ? It's on their business	http://www.svobodni.cz/default.aspx
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Analysis of the electoral campaign 5 weeks before the elections:

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Election date: 5th June (afternoon) and 6th June (morning)

Number of MEPs to be elected: 22

33 parties are running including the five biggest: the Social Democratic Party (CSSD), that lies to the left of the political scale, the Democratic Civic Party (ODS), that lies to the right, the Communist Party of Moravia (KSCM), Christian Democratic Union/People's Party (KDU-CSL) and the Greens (Z). The Democratic Green Party founded by two MEPs formerly members of the Green Party will also be running.

But the most important event has happened in two eurosceptic parties: Libertas and the Free Citizens Party (SSP). Libertas was created by Vladimir Zelezny, presently an MEP, co-founder and previous owner of TV channel Nova, famous for the corruption trial which brought him into conflict with R. Lauder to whom he sold his TV channel. The Libertas list leader is Vlastimil Tlustý, MPs who has been with the Civic Democratic Party until now. Vladimir Zelezny is in second position and Jan Schwippel, another MP, member of the Civic Democratic Party is third.

The Free Citizens Party was created in January 2009 by Peter Mach, director of the Center for Economics and Politics, a think-tank that tends towards the eurosceptic Czech president Vaclav Klaus. In December 2008 Vaclav Klaus resigned from his position as honorary chair of the Civic Democratic Party (ODS), notably because of his opposition to the party's position which he believes too pro-European. His two sons, Jan and Klaus also quit the party. The two eurosceptic parties are demanding a reform of the European institutions and better protection of Member States' national sovereignty.

According to political analysts, turnout is not due to rise to 30% mainly because of the collapse of the government led by Mirek Topolánek in March last. With their government voters will have also lost the main reason for going to ballot i.e. to express their opinion about the government's work.

Jan Fischer, manager of the Statistics Office takes over with a government of experts on 8th May – this will comprise 15 people chosen in equal numbers between the Civic Democratic Party and the Social Democratic Party. His term in office is limited in time (six months) and politically (he is responsible for preparing the 2010 budget, to fight against the economic crisis and to manage the administration of the country).

According to the latest polls the Social Democratic Party is due to win 38% of the vote, the Civic Democratic Party 36%, the Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia 12%, the Christian Democratic Union/People's Party 6% and the Greens 4%.