






Denmark¹

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
Conservative Party (KF)² Det Konservative Folkeparti		www.konservative.dk	Lien vers l'Europe : http://www.konservative.dk/EU/Sider/forside.aspx	http://www.konservative.dk/Bendtsen/PublicImages/Konservatives%20EP%20valgprogram%202009.pdf	Et Staerkt Danmark i et faelles Europa (A strong Denmark in Europe)	http://www.konservative.dk/EU/ValgtilEU/Kandidater/Sider/forside.aspx
Social Democratic Party (SD) Social demokraterne		http://socialdemokraterne.dk/	x	Bas de page : http://socialdemokraterne.dk/default.aspx?func=article.view&id=244401	x	http://socialdemokraterne.dk/default.aspx?func=article.view&id=244401
Liberal Party (V) Venstre, Danmarks Liberale Parti		www.venstre.dk	http://www.venstre.dk/index.php?id=5678	x	x	http://www.venstre.dk/index.php?id=5678
Radical Liberal Party (RV) Det Radikale Venstre		www.radikale.dk	x	http://www.radikale.dk/europa/upload/Filer/RV_EP_valgprogram2009.pdf	x	http://www.radikale.dk/CMS/vis.aspx?id=11719
Danish People's Party (DF) Dansk Folkeparti		www.danskfolkeparti.dk	http://www.danskfolkeparti.dk/EU-politik.asp	x	x	http://www.danskfolkeparti.dk/EU-politik.asp

¹ Updated 27/05/09

² The parties highlighted in blue are the governing parties

Socialist People's Party (SF) Socialistisk Folkeparti		www.sf.dk	x	http://www.sf.dk/default.aspx?site=eu&func=blocks.frontpagelist&topmenuID=49140&blockpageid=49154	x	http://www.sf.dk/default.aspx?func=article.view&topmenuID=39725&id=39461
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Analysis of the electoral campaign 5 weeks before the elections:

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Election date: 7th June (referendum on the order of succession to the throne on the same day)

Number of MEPs to be elected: 13

Over the last few weeks the Danish political stage has been taken up with speculation over the candidature and the appointment of Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen to NATO. On 5th April last Finance Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen became the new Head of the Danish government.

The campaign for the European elections has therefore not really started. In the wake of the international economic crisis Denmark's membership of the Economic and Monetary Union has been the focus of debate. A parliamentary session was devoted to this in January during which the government maintained its support of membership without deciding however on a timetable.

Traditionally the European election is an opportunity for the eurosceptic movements (the People's Movement against the European Union and the June Movement) to make a break-through. The People's Movement want Denmark to leave the European Union whilst the June Movement which supports Denmark's membership of the Union wants it to retain the opt-out clauses that the country benefits from in terms of foreign and security policy, police and justice and also with regard to Monetary Union. From 1979 to 1999, these two parties won around 20% of the vote. However these movements only won 13% in 2004. On the eve of the European elections the issue at stake is as follows: will the Social Democratic Party succeed in maintaining its 2004 result or will the eurosceptic movements make progress?

Turn out should be higher than recorded five years ago because on the same day as the European election there will be a referendum on the modification of the order of succession to the throne (the throne should be handed to the sovereign's first child whatever the sex; at present the young son takes priority over the eldest daughter). The Danish Constitution stipulates that 40% of the electorate must vote in support of the change for it to be adopted.

The Conservative Party list (KF) will be led by Bendt Bendtsen who resigned from his position as Trade and Industry Minister. The Liberal Party (V) chose its spokesperson, Jens Rohde as its lead candidate. The People's Party list (DF), a far-right eurosceptic party, will be led by a young 28 year-old, Morten Messerschmidt. In the Social Democratic Party (SD), Dan Dan Jørgensen, relatively

unknown to the man on the street, will replace PES leader, Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, who in 2004, won a record number of votes. Margrethe Auken will lead the People's Socialist Party list (SF), previously eurosceptic but now in support of European integration (but still against Denmark joining the Economic and Monetary Union and also against the CAP), Sofie Carsten Nielsen, 33, will replace MEP Anders Samuelsen as head of the Social Liberal Party list (RV) since the latter created the New Alliance in 2007. Finally as for the eurosceptics, the June Movement list, will be led by Hanne Dahl and the People's Movement against the European Union will be led by Søren Søndergaard.

The polls credit the Social Democratic Party with 26.4% of the vote, the Liberal Party 22%, the People's Socialist Party 17.4%, the Conservative Party 12.1%, the People's Movement against the European Union 4%, the Danish People's Party 12%, the Social Liberal Party 3.9% and the June Movement 2.2%.