




Estonia¹

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
Pro Patria Union-Res Publica (IRL)² Isamaa ja Res Publica Liit		www.irl.ee/en	http://www.irl.ee/et/EP-valimised	http://www.irl.ee/et/EP-valimised/Program	Õiged otsused raskel ajal! (The good decision in hard times)	http://www.irl.ee/et/EP-valimised/Kandidaadid
Social Democratic Party (SDE) Sotsiaaldemokraatlik Erakond		www.sotsdem.ee	http://www.sotsdem.ee/index.php?article_id=910&page=80&action=article&	http://www.sotsdem.ee/index.php?article_id=1162&img=1&page=80&action=article&	Inimesed eelkõige: uus suund Euroopale (People first, a new direction for Europe)	http://www.sotsdem.ee/index.php?article_id=910&page=80&action=article&
Reform Party (RE) Eesti Reformierakond		www.reform.ee	http://ep2009.reform.ee/index.php?utm_source=reform.ee&utm_medium=banner&utm_content=valeht&utm_campaign=ep2009	http://ep2009.reform.ee/programm	Vali Euroopa tasemel tegijad! (Choose your leaders)	http://ep2009.reform.ee/kandidaadid

¹ Updated 27/05/09

² The parties highlighted in blue are the governing parties

Centre Party (K) Eesti Keskerakond		www.keskerakond.ee	http://keskerakond.ee/tegitjad			http://www.keskerakond.ee/eurovalimised/est/
Greens (EER) Erakond Eestimaa Rohelised		www.roheline.erakond.ee	http://roheline.erakond.ee/index.php/Valimised	http://roheline.erakond.ee/images/d/db/GryyneERI.pdf	Vali uus energia! (Choose the renewables energies !)	http://roheline.erakond.ee/index.php/Kandidaate_%C3%BCleriiklik_nimekiri
Estonian People's Union (ERL) Eestimaa Rahvaliit		www.erl.ee	http://www.erl.ee/index.php?id=820	http://estonie-aublog.com/article-29323450.html	Open to Europe, with our hearts still in Estonia	http://www.erl.ee/index.php?id=823
Independence Party (EI) Eesti Iseseisvuspartei		x	x	x	x	x
Russian Party РУССКАЯ ПАРТИЯ		http://rusparty.web24.ee/?smg=2	x	x	РУССКАЯ ПАРТИЯ - РУССКИЙ ДЕПУТАТ! (Russian Party – russian deputies)	http://www.rusparty.ee/?smg=news&data=21
Christian democratic Party (EKD)		http://www.ekd.ee/	http://www.ekd.ee/index.php/pressiteated/71-ekd-europarlamendi-valimisplatvorm-2009	http://www.ekd.ee/index.php/pressiteated/71-ekd-europarlamendi-valimisplatvorm-2009	Ausalt on võimalik! (Honestly, it's possible !)	http://www.ekd.ee/valimised
Libertas Party of Estonia		x	x	x	x	http://www.vvk.ee/ep09/index.php?id=11006
L'Assemblée des agriculteurs		x	x	x	x	http://www.vvk.ee/ep09/index.php?id=11085

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Analysis of the electoral campaign 5 weeks before the elections:

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Election Date: 7th June

Number of MEPs to be elected: 6

Prime Minister Andrus Ansip's Reform Party's list (ER) will be led by former Foreign Minister (2002-2005) and present Vice-President of the Riigikogu, Kristiina Ojuland. In second and third positions are present Foreign Minister, Urmas Paet, and eurosceptic MP Igar Gräzin who campaigned for the "no" in the referendum on Estonia's membership of the European Union. Estonia's security with regard to Russia and the European Funds are the two main themes in the party's programme. These two subjects are, in the eyes of most Estonians, the main reason why their country joined the EU.

The Centre Party (K) will be led by the Mayor of Tallinn, Edgar Savisaar. The latter has however said that he would not sit in the European Parliament. He is addressing the European election mainly from a national point of view, as proven by his campaign slogan "Estonia needs change", adopted on 18th April at the same time as his electoral programme. Edgar Savisaar wants to turn these European elections into a protest vote against the three parties in the government coalition.

The Pro-Patria Union-Res Publica (IRL) will be led by MEP Tunne Kelam. The Social Democratic Party list (SDE) will be led by the present Budget Minister Ivari Padar. In second position comes MEP Katrin Saks and number three is MEP Marianne Mikko. Marek Strandberg will lead the Greens. The chairman of the Libertas Party of Estonia, Jaan Laas has said they he will take part in the European elections but he still has not handed in his list. Founded on 2nd March it was previously called the Democratic Party, and this succeeded the Blue Party (1994) in 1999. In February last the Democratic Party was threatened with dissolution after a court decision was taken since the number of its members was below the legal threshold 1000. Finally the Russians of Estonia will present a single list, the United Left Party (Eestimaa Ühendatud Vasakpartei) led by the Mayor of Maardu, Georgi Böstrov. Five years ago two parties defending the interests of the Russian speaking minority were in the race: the Russian Party (VEE) and the Social Demcoratic Labour Party, which became the United Left Party. Georgi Böstrov stood as an independent.

In spite of this single list one of the young Russian speaking movement leaders, Nochnoi Dozor (Nightwatch), Dimitri Klenski said that he might stand as an independent. The head of the National Movement (Eesti Rahvuslik Liikumine), Martin Helme, a notorious eurosceptic, has chosen to stand as an independent. Finally Indrek Tarand, son of Social Democratic MEP Andres Tarand and present director of the War Museum of Estonia will also be standing as an independent.

Sociologist Juhan Kivirähk believes that the Pro-Patria Union-Res Publica (IRL) has a good chance of winning seats in the European elections since its lead candidate MEP Tunne Kelam undertook very high profile work during his term in office. Likewise the sociologist recalls the loyalty of the Centre Party electorate, a major advantage in any election; he believes that the Reform Party and the Social Democrats will both win on seat in the European Parliament. Finally Juhan Kivirähk believes that the independent candidate Indrek

Tarand is due to win the votes of an angry electorate and win points off the Social Democratic Party and the Pro-Patria Union without however winning enough votes to be elected. The polls forecast a win for the Centre Party (33% of the vote) followed by the Reform Party (26%, i.e. its weakest result since 2006). Then come Pro-Patria Union-Res Publica and the Social Democratic Party (14% each).