


Germany¹

National Parties	Group at 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
Christian Democratic Union (CDU) Christlich Demokratische Deutschlands²		http://www.cdu.de/	http://www.cdu.de/portal2009/26572.htm	http://www.cdu.de/doc/pdfc/090316-europa-wahlprogramm-2009.pdf	Starkes Europa, sichere Zukunft (A strong Europe, a safe future)	http://www.cdu.de/portal2009/26529.htm
Christian Social Union (CSU) Christlich-Soziale Union Deutschlands		http://www.csu.de/partei/index.htm	http://www.csu.de/partei/europawahl/index.htm	http://www.csu.de/dateien/partei/beschluesse/090404_europawahlprogramm_pv_klausur.pdf	x	http://www.csu.de/partei/europawahl/unsere_kandidaten/index.htm
Social Democratic Party (SPD) Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands		http://www.spd.de/start/portal/index.html	http://www.spd-europa.de/	http://www.spd-europa.de/fileadmin/content/documents/Europamanifest_2009_kurz.pdf	Für Europa: stark und sozial! (For Europe: strong and social!)	http://www.spd-europa.de/fileadmin/content/documents/SPD_Europawahl_Bundesliste_2009.pdf
Liberal Democratic Party (FDP) Freie Demokratische Partei		http://www.fdp.de/	http://www.fdp-europawahl.de/	http://www.fdp-europawahl.de/files/12428/FDP-Europawahlprogramm2009.pdf	Für Deutschland in Europa! (For Germany in Europe!)	http://www.fdp-europawahl.de/files/14211/Kandidatenliste_Europa.pdf
Greens Bündnis 90/Die Grünen		http://www.gruene.de/cms/default/rubrik/0/3.gruene_de.htm	http://www.gruene.de/cms/default/rubrik/15/15474.europawahl_2009.htm	http://www.gruene.de/cms/default/dok/268/268778.europawahlprogramm_2009.htm	Europa klar machen! (Make Europe Clear!)	http://www.gruene.de/cms/default/dok/268/268109.europaliste_2009.htm

¹ Updated on 26/05/09

² The parties highlighted in blue are the ruling parties

<p>The Left Party (L) Die Linke</p>		<p>http://die-linke.de/</p>	<p>https://www.die-linke.de/nc/wahlen/kampagne/download/</p>	<p>http://die-linke.de/wahlen/dokumente/solidaritaet_deмократie_frieden_gem einsam_fuer_den_wechsel_in_europa/</p>	<p>Solidarität, Demokratie, Frieden – Gemeinsam für den Wechsel in Europa! (Solidarity, democracy, peace – Together for change in Europe)</p>	<p>http://die-linke.de/partei/organe/parteitage/europaparteitag_2009/bundesliste/</p>
<p>Freie Wähler Free Voters</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>http://www.fw-bayern.de/</p>	<p>http://www.fw-europa.eu/</p>	<p>http://www.fw-europa.eu/pdf/FW_Europaprogramm.pdf</p>	<p>Frischer Wind für Europa! (A new wind for Europe!)</p>	<p>http://www.fw-europa.eu/index.php?option=com_simplelists&view=simplelist&layout=toggle&category_id=39&Itemid=60</p>
<p>The Republicans (REP) Die Republikaner</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>http://www.rep.de/</p>	<p>http://www.rep.de/content.aspx?ArticleID=92577be9-5bc2-4fbf-b085-96357ae1fcdf</p>	<p>http://www.rep.de/content.aspx?ArticleID=2f2230b1-91ea-4954-a715-c50bf557f5c2</p>	<p>Unser Europa ist das europa der Vaterländer- Wir sagen „Ja“ zu Europa – aber nein zu <i>dieser</i> EU (Europe is the Europe of Homelands – we say 'yes' to Europe but not this one)</p>	<p>x</p>
<p>Mensch- Umwelt – Tierschutz - Die Tierschutzpartei Man – Protection of Animals - Environment- The party for the protection of animals</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>http://www.tierschutzpartei.de/</p>	<p>http://www.tierschutzpartei.de/Europawahl.htm</p>	<p>http://www.tierschutzpartei.de/Europawahl2009.htm</p>	<p>x</p>	<p>http://www.tierschutzpartei.de/Europawahlkandidaten.htm</p>
<p>Familien-Partei Deutschlands (FAMILIE) German Family Party</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>http://www.familien-partei-deutschlands.de/cms/</p>	<p>x</p>	<p>x</p>	<p>x</p>	<p>http://www.familien-partei-deutschlands.de/cms/index.php?id=9-3-4-1-1</p>

Democratic Ecology Party (ödp) Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei	-	http://www.oedp.de/	http://wahlkampf.oedp.de/	http://www.oedp.de/Europa/EU-Programm/html/EU-Programm.html	(Vote for more Democracy) Mehr Demokratie wählen!	http://wahlkampf.oedp.de/kandidaten
Feminist Party (Women) Feministische Partei (DIE FRAUEN)	-	http://www.feministischepartei.de/	http://www.feministischepartei.de/wahl-d.htm#eu09	x	x	http://www.feministischepartei.de/wahl-d.htm#eu09
From now on ... Union for Germany, for Democracy by referendum (VOLKSABSTIMMUNG) Ab jetzt...Bündnis für Deutschland, für Demokratie durch Volksabstimmung	-	http://www.helmut-fleck.de/	http://www.helmut-fleck.de/PDF/Wahlinformation-Europawahl-2009.pdf	x	x	x
Bible-loyal Christians Party Partei bibeltreuer Christen (PBC)	-	http://www.pbc.de/	http://www.pbc.de/index.php?id=1482	http://www.pbc.de/fileadmin/pbc-de/editors/pdf/wahlen/2009/PBC-Wahlprogramm_Europa_2009.pdf	"Seek the LORD then you will live!" den HERRN, dann werdet ihr leben!" (Wort Gottes: Amos 5,6)	x
Christian Centre Christliche Mitte (CM)	-	http://www.christliche-mitte.de/	x	x	x	x
New start for citizens rights, freedom and health (AUFBRUCH) Aufbruch für Bürgerrechte, Freiheit und Gesundheit	-	http://www.parteiaufbruch.de/old/index.html#flyer	http://www.parteiaufbruch.de/old/index.html	x	x	x

German Communist Party (DKP) Deutsche Kommunistische Partei	-	http://www.dkp.de/	http://www.dkp-online.de/europawahl/	http://www.dkp-online.de/europawahl/2009/wahlprog.pdf	Den Weg für ein sozialistisches Europa öffnen (Open the way to a socialist Europe)	http://www.dkp-online.de/europawahl/
Bavarian Party (BP) Bayernpartei	-	http://landesverband.bayernpartei.de/	http://fuer-bayerns-zukunft.de/	http://fuer-bayerns-zukunft.de/wahlprogramm	x	http://fuer-bayerns-zukunft.de/kandidaten
Party for Social Equality (PSG) Partei für soziale Gleichheit	-	http://www.gleichheit.de/webseite/	http://www.gleichheit.de/website/positionen/europawahlauf.ruf.html	http://www.gleichheit.de/website/positionen/europawahlauf.ruf.html	x	http://www.gleichheit.de/website/positionen/kandidaten.html
Citizens Solidarity Movement (BüSo) Bürgerrechtsbewegung Solidarität	-	http://www.bueso.de/	http://www.bueso.de/europawahl2009	http://www.bueso.de/europawahl2009/kurzprogramm	Erst kommen die Menschen (People First)	http://www.bueso.de/europawahl2009
50plus –Das Generationenbündnis	-	http://www.50plus-bund.de/	http://www.50plus-bund.de/aktuelles/090507_spot.php	http://www.50plus-bund.de/aktuelles/090507_spot.php	x	http://www.50plus-bund.de/aktuelles/090507_eu_kandidaten.php
The Party for work, environment and family, Christians for Germany (AUF) Partei für Arbeit, Umwelt und Familie, Christen für Deutschland	Libertas	http://www.auf-partei.de/	http://www.auf-partei.de/europa-kampagne/	http://www.auf-partei.de/fileadmin/content/Sonstiges/AUF_Europawahlprogramm_2009_v2009-05-10-1.pdf	Wohin geht Europa ? (Where is Europe going to?)	http://www.auf-partei.de/europa-kampagne/
German People's Union (new right) (DVU) Deutsche Volkunion, Neue Rechte	-	http://www.die-rechte.info/wordpress/	x	x	x	x

THE GREYS – the Generation Party (DIE GRAUEN) DIE GRAUEN Generationspartei	-	http://www.diegrauen.de/	x	x	Die Pantherkralle schlägt zurück (The Panther's Paw strikes back)	x
The Violets, for Spiritual Politics (DIE VIOLETTEN) Die Violetten, für spirituelle Politik	-	http://www.dievioletten.de/de.html	x	x	x	http://www.dievioletten.de/download/europa2009/KandidatenEuropawahl2009.pdf
Europe – Democracy-Esperanto (EDE) Europa – Demokratie – Esperanto	-	http://www.e-d-e.eu/	http://www.e-d-e.eu/	http://www.e-d-e.eu/mediapool/68/689157/data/EDE-Programm_fuer_die_Europawahl.pdf	Damit Europa sich versteht (So that Europe gets on together)	http://www.e-d-e.eu/pageID_6263426.html
Free Citizens Initiative (FBI) Freie Bürgerinitiative	-	http://www.fbi-europawahl.de/	http://www.fbi-europawahl.de/	http://www.fbi-europawahl.de/pageID_6018858.html	Für Bürger – Interessen (For Citizens' Interests)	http://www.fbi-europawahl.de/pageID_6018857.html
For Referendum (voters' collective) FÜR VOLKSENTSCHEIDE	-	http://www.fuervolksentscheide.de/wahlen/europawahl-2009.html	x	x	Gemeinsam mit Herz und Hirn – Gerechtigkeit braucht Bürgerrechte ! Wir danken für Ihr Vertrauen (Together with heart and mind – justice needs citizens' rights ! Thank you for trusting us!)	http://www.fuervolksentscheide.de/wahlen/europawahl-2009.html
Newropeans	-	http://www.newropeans.eu/index.php?lang=de	http://www.newropeans.eu/spip.php?rubrique=8&lang=de	x	x	http://newropeans-auf-den-stimmzetteln.pbworks.com/

The German Pirates' Party (PIRATEN) Piratenpartei Deutschland	-	http://www.piratenpartei.de/	http://piratenpartei.net/	http://piratenpartei.net/programm/	Klarmachen zum Ändern (Clarity for Change)	http://piratenpartei.net/kandidaten/
Pensioners Party (RRP) Rentnerinnen und Rentner Partei	-	http://www.rrp-bund.de/	http://rrp-bund.de/pages/wahlen/europawahl.php	x	x	x
Pensioners Party of Germany (RENTNER) Renter-Partei-Deutschland	-	http://rentnerpartei.com/index2.html	http://rentnerpartei.com/116901.html	x	x	x

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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 and local by-elections on the same day)

Number of MEPs to be elected: 99

2009 is a super electoral year for the Germans, who within one year, will have to vote in general, regional, local, European and even the presidential elections (23rd May next by parliament). On 7th June, the day of the European election, local elections will also take place in the Länder of Bavaria, Saxony and Rhineland-Palatinate.

64 million Germans are being called to ballot including 4.3 million who will be voting for the first time. Turn out will be the greatest challenge to rise to as in all of the other European countries. According to a survey for the European institutions, only 44% of the Germans are aware that the European Parliament will be elected this year and 43% say they will go and vote.

31 political parties and associations are submitting themselves to the citizens' judgment, a first in the country's history. The most important of these groups are Die Linke (Left Party) whose list is being led by Lothar Bisky, the SPD (Social Democratic Party) led by Martin Schulz, chair of the European Socialists' group in the European Parliament since 2004, die Grünen (the Greens) led by Rebecca Harms and Reinhard Bütighofer, the FDP (Liberal Democratic Party) led by young economist Silvana Koch-Mehrin, the CDU (Christian Democratic Union) led by present president of the European Parliament Hans-Gert Pöttering and the CSU (Social Christian Union) led by Martin Ferber.

Finally the Freie Wähler (Free Voters), who previously declared that they would not run in the European elections, will be present after all. This party rallies those disappointed by the CSU and it won 10.2% of the vote and 21 seats in the regional elections in Bavaria in

September 2008. Their list will be led by Gabriele Pauli, former regional representative of the CSU who in October 2006 accused the Minister President of Bavaria at that time, Edmund Stoiber, of having had her spied on, thereby revealing deep divisions within the party, dominant on the Bavarian political stage for several decades.

The key subjects in the electoral campaign of the 'big' parties are unsurprisingly the Lisbon Treaty, the enlargement process and social justice. The CDU has based its electoral campaign on 'A Strong Europe – a safe future' on the upkeep of the subsidiarity principle, an opposition to the forced harmonisation of the social policy and to the integration of Turkey into the Union (it supports a privileged partnership). The CDU is demanding a break in the enlargement process after Croatia's accession. The CSU is requesting the organization of a referendum with regard to any future enlargement. Germany has no experience of the referendum since this is not planned for in the Constitution.

The Social Democratic Party (SPD) is highlighting the need for a Social European Union that needs to be built alongside the Economic and Monetary Union together with the establishment of a Social Stability Pact Europe-wide. The Liberal Democratic Party (FDP) supports a reduction of bureaucracy and is against the creation of any type of European tax - likewise it is also against a Social Europe. The Greens are asking for the development of the Union, a European social policy and the organization of referendum Europe-wide. The Left Party (Die Linke), the only parliamentary party to have voted against the Lisbon Treaty is asking for a referendum on this subject. The party is demanding the replacement of the Stability and Growth Pact by a Pact for Sustainable Development, full employment, social security and the protection of the environment.

These European elections are of specific importance in Germany since the election is taking place three months before the general elections on 27th September. The CDU remains in the lead in the polls with 35% of the vote in comparison with 23% for the SPD. The Liberal Democratic Party is on the rise with 16%, the Left Party is credited with 11% of the vote and the Greens 10%