




Greece¹

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
New Democracy (ND) Νέα Δημοκρατία ²		http://www.nd.gr/	x	http://www.nd.gr/index.php?option=com_docman&task=cat_view&gid=228&Itemid=441	x	x
Panhellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK) Πανελλήνιο Σοσιαλιστικό Κίνημα		http://pasok.gr	http://www.pasok.gr/portal/resource/contentObject/id/121b4cf9-2f82-4765-b53c-fb5645c67349	http://www.pasok.gr/portal/resource/section/euroElections	x	http://www.pasok.gr/portal/
Greens Οικολόγοι Πράσινοι		http://www.ecogreens-gr.org/cms/	http://eurelec.ecogreens-gr.org/	http://www.ecogreens-gr.org/eurelec/images/stories/campaign/manifesto_web.pdf	x	http://eurelec.ecogreens-gr.org/
Radical Left Coalition (SYN) Συνασπισμός της Ριζοσπαστικής Αριστεράς		http://syryza.gr	http://syryza.gr/news/diaktyakampania-syryza-eyroekloges-09	http://syryza.eu/	x	http://syryza.eu/
Communist Party of Greece (ΚΚΕ) Κομμουνιστικό Κόμμα Ελλάδας		http://inter.kke.gr	http://inter.kke.gr/	http://inter.kke.gr/News/2008news/2008-07-euelection/	x	x

¹ Updated 27/05/09

² The parties highlighted in blue are the governing parties

Popular Orthodox Rally (LAOS) Λαϊκός Ορθόδοξος Συναγερμός		http://www.laos.gr		http://www.laos.gr/		http://www.laos.gr/1front.pdf
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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: 22

Not much has been said yet about the European elections in the political news but these will take place within an extremely polarised political context. The country is still greatly disturbed by the riots that broke out in autumn last and which remain sporadic. The political parties are therefore still busy managing domestic problems. In addition to this both majority and opposition failed a few weeks ago to agree on measures to apply to face the economic crisis. The weak majority enjoyed by New Democracy (ND) in power and recent events long led observers to conclude that early general elections might be organized on 7th June next in parallel to the European election. The opposition parties demanded this on several occasions and this was rejected however by Prime Minister Caramanlis's New Democracy. According to polls most Greeks were against it also.

For the time being the parties are finalising their lists and few of them have started their campaign. The Panhellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK) led by George Papandreou, also chair of the Socialist International launched his campaign on 24th April last. The Socialist leader who would like these European elections to be a referendum on the ruling power attributed responsibility for the present international economic crisis to the European liberal parties. "The world is experiencing a deep economic and political crisis that has been caused by neo-conservative policies and rightwing ideology whereby the market self-regulates." George Papandreou said the European socialists wanted to establish a "green development" model that would guarantee employment, prosperity and social justice.

The feeling of insecurity amongst the population and the many scandals and accusations of corruption against New Democracy (ND) provide PASOK with the upper hand – in the polls at least. However more recent surveys show the gap between the two parties is narrowing as the weeks go by. According to a poll published on 27th April last PASOK is due to win 37% of the vote and New Democracy 34%. The Radical Left Coalition (SYN) led by Alekos Alavanos, a party which seems to be tempted by a more eurosceptic position than in the past is due to win 8.5%; the Communist Party (KKE) 8%; the Greens 5% and finally the far right, the People's Orthodox Assembly (Laos) led by journalist George Karatzaferis, 4.5%. New Democracy is still confident however of its chance of

reversing the trend and hopes to convince the Greeks of the need to reform.