






Hungary¹

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
Alliance of Young Democrats-Civic Union (FIDESZ) Fidesz-Magyar Polgári Szövetség		http://www.fidesz.hu	http://fidesz.hu/index.php?Rovat=10324	http://fidesz.hu/download/program2009_eng.pdf	Hungary Can Do More	http://fidesz.hu/index.php?EUJeloltek
Democratic Forum (MDF) Magyar Demokrata Forum		http://www.mdf.hu	http://eu.mdf.hu/	http://eu.mdf.hu/	x	http://eu.mdf.hu/
Socialist Party (MSZP) Magyar Szocialista Párt ²		http://www.mszp.hu	http://www.mszp.hu	http://mszp.hu/public/downloads/pdf/balramagyara5v1mod3.pdf	x	http://mszp.hu/public/downloads/pdf/epkepviseljeloltek.pdf
Free Democratic Alliance (SZDSZ) Szabad Demokraták Szövetsége		http://www.szdsz.hu/	x	x	x	http://www.szdsz.hu/
Communist Workers' Party (M) Magyar Kommunista Munkáspárt		www.munkaspart.hu	x	x	Mit akar a Munkáspárt ? What do you want from the communist party ?	http://www.kommunista.net/hir/nyilvanos-amunkaspart-ep-listaja

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² The parties highlighted in blue are the governing parties

Green Left Zöld Baloldal	x	x	x	x	x	http://index.hu/belfold/2009/03/05/tgm_vezeti_a_zold_baloldal_ep-listajat/
Politics can be different – Humanist Party (LMP-HP) Lehet más a politika, Humanista Part	-	www.jobbik.hu	http://www.jobbik.hu/program	http://www.jobbik.hu/sites/jobbik.hu/down/Jobbik-program2009EP.pdf	Hungary belongs to Hungarians !	http://www.jobbik.hu/node/5551
Hungarian Gypsy Forum – Roma cooperation Party (MCF) Magyarországi Cigány Fórum – Roma Összefogás Párt	-	www.lehetmas.hu	x	http://lehetmas.hu/hirek/194	Érzed, hogy most Te kívánhatsz? – Lehet más a politika (Do you feel that you can hope now ? Politics can be different!	http://lehetmas.hu/hirek/194
		x	x	x	x	http://www.valasztas.hu/hu/ep2009/21/21_0_index.html

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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

By announcing the date of the European elections on 26th March the President of the Republic, László Sólyom effectively launched the campaign. The main opposition party, the Alliance of Young Democrats-Civic Union (FIDESZ-MPP), published its list on 17th January and it will be led by Pál Schmitt, the present Deputy Chair of the European People's Party (EPP). The ruling Socialist Party's list (MSZP) will be led by present Foreign Minister Kinga Gönz. Another specific feature of this list: the number of women. Three women feature at the top:

apart from Kinga Göncz, Edit Herczog and Zita Gurmai have taken 2nd and 3rd places. The Free Democratic Alliance list (SZDSZ) is being led by outgoing MEP Istvan Szent-Ivanyi, a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee in Strasbourg. The Democratic Forum (MDF) was the source of surprise when it granted lead candidate position to Lajos Bokros, former Finance Minister in the Horn government (1994-1998), known for his infamous "reform package" that made him extremely unpopular. His appointment was considered by many MDF members as a betrayal and several of them left the parliamentary group that was then dissolved. Finally the far right party the Jobbik's list (Movement for a better Hungary), is led by lawyer Krisztina Morvai. Whilst the government parties are facing major domestic and foreign problems this party may very well be the source of surprise in this election.

The economic crisis is the main theme in FIDESZ's campaign which has decided to be very frugal in its spending. The MSZP which is experiencing one of the most serious crises in its history believes that its failure is almost inevitable. The party has therefore decided to focus on governance problems. The SZDSZ is trying to increase turn out by talking to the population and by communicating on the MEPs work and on Europe's responses to globalization, climate change and the economic crisis. As for Jobbik it is undertaking a campaign on its favourite theme: "Hungary belongs to Hungarians".

The polls grant an important advantage to FIDESZ-MPP, credited with 66% in the polls and 23% to MSZP.