







The Netherlands ¹

National Parties	Group in the European Parliament	Link to the official party site	Link to the official campaign site	Link to the programme	Slogan	Link to the detailed list
Christian Democratic Appeal (CDA) Christen Democratisch Appèl ²		http://www.cda.nl	http://europa2009.cda.nl/default.aspx	http://europa2009.cda.nl/verkiezingsprogramma.aspx	Kracht en Ambitie ! (Strength and ambition !)	http://europa2009.cda.nl/kandidatenlijst.aspx
Labour Party (PvdA) Partij van de Arbeid		http://www.pvda.nl	http://www.pvda.nl/renderer.do/clearState/true/menuId/37268/returnPage/37266/	http://www.pvda.nl/renderer.do/clearState/true/menuId/37268/returnPage/37266/	x	http://europa.pvda.nl/renderer.do/menuId/453573/clearState/true/sf/453573/returnPage/453573/itemId/565401/realItemId/565401/pageId/453146/instanceId/453587/
Democrats 66 (D66) Democraten 66		http://www.d66.nl	http://www.d66.nl/europa	http://www.d66.nl/9359000/1/j9vvi2bg8d80sun/vi3wfm8xb7of/f=/vi3wfnv8g7p9.pdf	Europa gaat om mensen ! (Europe comes to people !)	http://www.d66.nl/9359000/1/j9vvi0vj881cqtt/vi35sx6bj9n7?ctx=vghpm7u9vdea
People's Party for Freedom and Democracy (VVD) Volkspartij voor Vrijheid en Democratie		http://www.vvd.nl	http://www.vvd.nl/index.aspx?ChapterID=1866&FilterID=974&ContentID=8052	http://www.vvd.nl/ReadFile.aspx?ContentID=8052&ObjectID=138345&Type=1&File=000005216_EP-verkiezingsprogramma%202009-2014%20DEFINITIEF.pdf	Voor een werkend europa (For a Europe of the Labour)	http://www.vvd.nl/index.aspx?ChapterID=1866&FilterID=974&ContentID=8052

¹ Updated 27/05/09

² The parties highlighted in blue are the governing parties

Green Left (GL) GroenLinks		http://www.groenlinks.nl	http://verkiezingen2009.groenlinks.nl/	http://groenlinks.nl/files/EUVKP_0NTWERP_DEF.pdf	Nieuwe energie voor europa (A new energy for Europe)	http://verkiezingen2009.groenlinks.nl/personen/Kandidaten
Christian Union (CU) Christen Unie		http://www.christenunie.nl	http://www.christenunie.nl/nl/ep2009	http://www.christenunie.nl/nl/ep2009 (à télécharger)	x	http://www.christenunie.nl/nl/ep2009
Political Reformed (SGP) Staatkundig Gereformeerde Partij	-	http://www.sgp.nl	http://www.sgp.nl/Page/nctrue/sp642/index.html	http://www.sgp.nl/Page/nctrue/sp642/index.html	Samen werking ja super staat nee (Being together is not so great)	http://www.sgp.nl/Page/sp721/ml1/from_sp_id=722/nctrue/system_id=7813/so_id=934/Index.html
Livable Netherlands (LN) Leefbaar Nederland	-	http://www.sp.nl	x	http://europa.sp.nl/programma/	x	http://europa.sp.nl/fractie/kandidaten2009.shtml
Socialist Party (SP) Socialistische Partij	-	http://www.pvv.nl/	http://www.pvv-europa.nl/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=1&Itemid=5	http://www.pvv-europa.nl/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=4&Itemid=2	x	http://www.pvv-europa.nl/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=3&Itemid=3
Freedom Party (PvDV) Partij voor de Vrijheid	-	http://www.pvv.nl/	http://www.pvv-europa.nl/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=1&Itemid=5	http://www.pvv-europa.nl/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=4&Itemid=2	x	http://www.pvv-europa.nl/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=3&Itemid=3

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Analysis of the electoral campaign 5 weeks before the elections:

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Election Date: 4th June

Number of MEPs to be elected: 25

The Labour Party (PVdA) is being led by Thijs Berman. This party has focused its campaign on four main themes: international policy and Human Rights; energy, global warming and food security; social policy, good governance and justice.

The Christian Democratic Appeal (CDA) is being led by Wim Van de Camp. The party is fighting for a strong Netherlands in a stable European Union. It says it is in favour of greater integration and is campaigning on subjects such as immigration, security, the fight against terrorism, and also agricultural policy, energy and global warming. Hans van Baalen will be the lead candidate for the People's Party for Freedom and Democracy (VVD). The party is reticent about any further enlargement, is against a federal Europe, hopes for a reform of the CAP and communautarisation of the immigration and asylum policy. Democrats 66 (D66) will be led by MEP Sophie in't Veld. The party hopes to highlight the three following themes: energy, security and education.

Five other "small" parties are also running: the Socialist Party (SP), the Green Left (GL), the Christian Union (CU), The Reformed Political Party (SGP) and the Freedom Party (PvdV). The PvdV leader, Geert Wilders is suggesting the abolition of the European Parliament. He is campaigning on the "no" to Turkey, the exclusion of Romania and Bulgaria from the Union and the limitation of the European executive to one single Commissioner, since he believes the Union should only take care of the single currency and economic cooperation.

The most recent polls declare the Freedom Party as the leader in the Netherlands with 21.3% of the vote, followed by the Christian Democratic Appeal (19.3%) and the Labour Party (16%). Democrats 66 are due to win 11.3%, the Socialist Party and the People's Party for Freedom and Democracy, 11.3% and the Green Left 7.3%.