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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
Social Democratic Centre – People's party (CDS/PP) Centro Democrático Social- Partido Popular		www.cds.pt	http://www.cds.pt/rubricas.aspx?id_seccao=57&id_rubrica=2000&ord=2	x	x	http://www.cds.pt/rubricas.aspx?id_seccao=57&id_rubrica=2000&ord=2
Social Democratic Party (PSD) Partido Social Democrata		www.psd.pt	http://www.politicadeverdade.com/	http://www.politicadeverdade.com/?idc=909	x	http://www.politicadeverdade.com/?idc=900
Socialist Party (PS) ² Partido Socialista		www.ps.pt	http://www.ps.pt/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=65&Itemid=78	http://www.ps.pt/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=67&Itemid=80	Novo rumo para Europa (A new deal for Europe)	http://www.ps.pt/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=76&Itemid=90
United Democratic Coalition (CDU) Coligação Democrática Unitária		http://www.cdu.pt/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=20&Itemid=78	x	x	x	http://www.cdu.pt/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=82&Itemid=65
Left Bloc (BE) Esquerda		www.esquerda.net	http://www.esquerda.net	http://www.esquerda.net/media/compromisso_be_pe09.pdf	Esquerda de confiança, Europa de coragem (A left-wing of trust, a Europe of courage)	http://www.bloco.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=64&Itemid=58

¹ Updated 27/05/09

² Parties highlighted in blue are the governing parties

Parti de la Terre	Libertas	http://www.mpt.pt/mpt2009/index.php	http://www.mpt.pt/mpt2009/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=310	http://www.mpt.pt/mpt2009/downloads/ProgramaMPT.pdf		http://www.mpt.pt/mpt2009/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=310
Mouvement espérance Portugal (MEP)	-	http://mep.pt/	http://www.mep.pt/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1	http://www.mep.pt/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=437&Itemid=54		http://www.mep.pt/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1

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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

Paulo Rangel will lead the Social Democratic Party list (PSD) the main opposition party of which he is chair in parliament. Vital Moreira will head the list of the Socialist Party (PS) in power in Lisbon since 2005 and which will be vying for another term in office in the autumn. Nuno Melo will lead the People's Party list (CDS/PP), Miguel Portas that of the Left Bloc (BE) where we find the party's leader, Marisa Matias in second position and historian Rui Tavares in third. Ilda Figueiredo will lead the Communist Party list (PCP). Amongst the small parties Laurinda Alves will be leading the Portugal Hope Movement and Frederico Durate Carvalho that of the Monarchist People's Movement.

At the beginning of the year the Parliament approved amendments to the electoral law repealing the proxy vote and therefore obliging voters to go to a consulate to fulfil their civic duty. The government justified its reform saying that the proxy vote comprised a potential means for electoral fraud. President of the Republic Hanibal Cavaco Silva did however place a veto against this change explaining that the proposal would provoke abstention since it would oblige thousands of people to travel hundreds if not thousands of kilometres to undertake their fundamental right." The head of State did not promulgate the law.

Prime Minister José Socrates (PS) is supporting the re-appointment of the President of the European Commission José Manuel Barroso and this "whatever the result of the European elections." "It is patriotic support" he declared adding that he was not the only socialist to support the outgoing President (José Luis Rodriguez Zapatero and Gordon Brown have declared their preference for the outgoing President). This support was the cause of tension within the party. At the beginning of April, Vital Moreira, head of the party's list in the European elections indicated that the Party of European Socialists should have its own candidate to challenge José Manuel Barroso. Likewise former President of the Republic and founder of the Socialist Party, Mario Soares qualified José Manuel Barroso "as a face of the past" recalling that he had been the host of the "summit of shame" which brought together George Bush, Tony Blair and José Maria Aznar in March 2003, just a few days before the start of the Anglo-American intervention in Iraq.

The latest polls credit the Socialist Party with 36.7% of the vote, 28.4% to the Social Democratic Party, 12.6% to the Left Bloc and 9.4% to the People's Party.