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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
Conservative Party (Con)		<a href="http://www.conservatives.com">www.conservatives.com</a>	x	x	x	<a href="http://www.conservatives.com/News/News_stories/2008/03/Candidates_for_the_2009_European_Elections_announced.aspx">http://www.conservatives.com/News/News_stories/2008/03/Candidates_for_the_2009_European_Elections_announced.aspx</a>
Labour Party (Lab) <sub>2</sub>		<a href="http://www.labour.org.uk">www.labour.org.uk</a>	<a href="http://www.labour.org.uk/vote2009">http://www.labour.org.uk/vote2009</a>	<a href="http://www.labour.org.uk/uploads/e0e9e2d5-1437-8734-6d4e-8084302a2346.pdf">http://www.labour.org.uk/uploads/e0e9e2d5-1437-8734-6d4e-8084302a2346.pdf</a>	Winning the fight for Britain's future	<a href="http://www.labour.org.uk/european_candidates_list">http://www.labour.org.uk/european_candidates_list</a>
Liberal Democrats (LD)		<a href="http://www.sdlp.ie">www.sdlp.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.albanforeurope.eu/">http://www.albanforeurope.eu/</a>	<a href="http://www.albanforeurope.eu/news/sdlp-european-manifesto-launch/38">http://www.albanforeurope.eu/news/sdlp-european-manifesto-launch/38</a>	When we win, you win!	<a href="http://www.albanforeurope.eu/campaign/">http://www.albanforeurope.eu/campaign/</a>
Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP)		<a href="http://www.libdems.org.uk">www.libdems.org.uk</a>	<a href="http://www.libdems.org.uk/home/davey-farage-must-explain-ukip%E2%80%99s-missing-millions-270595361;show">http://www.libdems.org.uk/home/davey-farage-must-explain-ukip%E2%80%99s-missing-millions-270595361;show</a>	<a href="http://europe.libdems.org.uk/">http://europe.libdems.org.uk/</a>	Stronger Together	<a href="http://www.libdems.org.uk/people/european-candidates">http://www.libdems.org.uk/people/european-candidates</a>

<sup>1</sup> Updated 27/05/09

<sup>2</sup> The parties highlighted in blue are the governing parties

Scottish National Party (SNP)		<a href="http://www.snp.org">www.snp.org</a>	<a href="http://www.snp.org/node/15147">http://www.snp.org/node/15147</a>	<a href="http://www.snp.org/manifesto09">http://www.snp.org/manifesto09</a>	x	<a href="http://www.snp.org/people/candidates/European">http://www.snp.org/people/candidates/European</a>
Plaid Cymru (PC) Plaid Cymru		<a href="http://www.plaidcymru.org">www.plaidcymru.org</a>	<a href="http://plaidcymru.blogspot.com/">http://plaidcymru.blogspot.com/</a>	x	x	<a href="http://plaidcymru.blogspot.com/">http://plaidcymru.blogspot.com/</a>
Verts Green Party		<a href="http://www.greenparty.org.uk">www.greenparty.org.uk</a>	x	<a href="http://www.greenparty.org.uk/assets/files/Elections/GreenPartyEUManifesto2009.pdf">http://www.greenparty.org.uk/assets/files/Elections/GreenPartyEUManifesto2009.pdf</a>	It's the economy, stupid	<a href="http://www.greenparty.org.uk/">http://www.greenparty.org.uk/</a>
UK Independence (UKIP)		<a href="http://www.ukip.org">www.ukip.org</a>	x	x	x	<a href="http://www.ukip.org/content/features/999-your-2009-euro-election-candidates">http://www.ukip.org/content/features/999-your-2009-euro-election-candidates</a>
English Democrats	-	<a href="http://www.englishdemocrats.org.uk">www.englishdemocrats.org.uk</a>	x	x	x	<a href="http://www.englishdemocrats.org.uk//index.php?option=com_content&amp;task=view&amp;id=262&amp;Itemid=2">http://www.englishdemocrats.org.uk//index.php?option=com_content&amp;task=view&amp;id=262&amp;Itemid=2</a>
British National Party (BNP)	-	<a href="http://bnp.org.uk">http://bnp.org.uk</a>	<a href="http://bnp.org.uk/category/european-elections/">http://bnp.org.uk/category/european-elections/</a>	x	x	<a href="http://bnp.org.uk/category/european-elections/candidates-european-elections-5/">http://bnp.org.uk/category/european-elections/candidates-european-elections-5/</a>
<b>Northern Ireland</b>						
Ulster Unionist Party (UUP)		<a href="http://www.uup.org">www.uup.org</a>	<a href="http://www.voteforchange.com/">http://www.voteforchange.com/</a>	<a href="http://www.voteforchange.com/manifesto/index.php">http://www.voteforchange.com/manifesto/index.php</a>	Vote for change	<a href="http://www.voteforchange.com/index.php">http://www.voteforchange.com/index.php</a>
Sinn Fein (SF) Sinn Fein		<a href="http://www.sinnfein.ie">www.sinnfein.ie</a>	x	<a href="http://www.ardheis.com/?p=1963">http://www.ardheis.com/?p=1963</a>	x	x
Traditional Unionist Voice	NI	<a href="http://www.tuv.org.uk">www.tuv.org.uk</a>	<a href="http://www.tuv.org.uk/tuv/european-election-2009/">http://www.tuv.org.uk/tuv/european-election-2009/</a>	<a href="http://www.tuv.org.uk/files/electionmanifesto09.pdf">http://www.tuv.org.uk/files/electionmanifesto09.pdf</a>	x	<a href="http://www.tuv.org.uk/files/electionmanifesto09.pdf">http://www.tuv.org.uk/files/electionmanifesto09.pdf</a>

Democratic Unionist Party (DUP)	NI	<a href="http://www.dup.org.uk">www.dup.org.uk</a>	<a href="http://www.dup.org.uk/default.htm">http://www.dup.org.uk/default.htm</a>	<a href="http://www.dup.org.uk/default.htm">http://www.dup.org.uk/default.htm</a>	x	<a href="http://www.dup.org.uk/default.htm">http://www.dup.org.uk/default.htm</a>
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### Analysis of the electoral campaign 5 weeks before the elections:

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**Election date:** 4th June (local by-elections on the same day)

**Number of MEPs to be elected:** 72

The Conservative Party announced that it is going to leave the European People's Party (EPP) and form a new group with Law and Justice (PiS) led by Polish President Lech Kaczynski after the next European elections. If the Conservatives win they intend to push through a law stipulating that any future law adopted by the European Parliament would be subject to a referendum of the British people. The Labour Party is highlighting themes of social justice and the environment. The Liberal Democrats have not yet defined the central themes to their campaign. Pro-European and in favour of a federal Europe and the adoption of the euro they would however like the UK to retain its opting-out clause in terms of working hours for example and they are against Brussels imposing an obligatory retirement age.

The party which causes a problem is the British National Party (BNP) - according to the polls it is at its most popular point ever. The economic crisis that has caused unemployment to rise significantly has made the anti-immigration slogans put forward by this far-right party particularly appealing. In addition to this the proportional system, unusual in a country where the first-past-the-post system is applied, is to the National Party's advantage as it is to all "small" parties. From 9% on it can hope for a seat in Strasbourg. Its leader Nick Griffin is running in the North West. The National Party achieves its best results (according to the polls) in the constituencies of Yorkshire, the Midlands and North West.

The UK Independence Party (UKIP) is demanding the UK's exit from the Union. "We are going to take part in these elections and for the first time we are in the majority. More than half of Britons want to leave the Union and sign a free-trade agreement with the Member States," declared its leader Nigel Farage.

Finally Libertas has been challenged by some rival parties who have taken over the same eurosceptic niche. Like a friend of the Independence Party's leader, who registered the International Libertas movement with the British Electoral Commission forcing Declan Ganley to enrol under a different name, A new dawn for Europe: Libertas.eu.

The latest polls credit the Conservative Party with 41% of the vote, the Labour Party with 30% and the Liberal Democrats 17%.