

Chronologies

Mediterranean Electoral Observatory

This chapter provides details of the results of presidential and legislative elections that took place in 2017 in independent states, presented in circum-Mediterranean order. The list also includes referenda and those elections held in autonomous entities or in any other relevant territory that are of particular political significance.

France*Presidential Elections*

23 April 2017 and 7 May 2017

Previous elections: 22 April 2012 and 6 May 2012

Semi-presidential Republic. Two-round elections for a five-year presidential term, renewable once only.

Candidates	% 1st round	% 2nd round
Emmanuel Macron (On the Move)	24.01	66.10
Marine Le Pen (National Front)	21.30	33.90
Francois Fillon (Republican Party (LR))	20.01	
Jean-Luc Mélenchon (Left Front)	19.58	
Benoit Hamon (Socialist Party)	6.36	

Turnout: 75.8% (1st round) and 66.0% (2nd round)

Legislative Elections

11 June 2017 and 18 June 2017

Previous elections: 10 June 2012 and 17 June 2012

Bicameral legislature. The Senate has 348 seats elected by indirect universal suffrage for a nine-year term, a third of which are renewed every three years. The 577 seats of the National Assembly (Assemblée Nationale) are elected for

a five-year term, each from a single-seat constituency. The election consists of two rounds: the total number of seats is provided after both rounds.

Parties	% 1st round	% 2nd round	Seats
La République En Marche!	28.21	43.06	308
The Republicans (LR, centre-right)	15.77	22.23	112
Democratic Movement (centrist)	4.12	6.06	42
Socialist Party (PS, social democrat)	7.44	5.68	30
Union of Democrats and Independents (UDI, liberals, centre-right)	3.03	3.04	18
La France Insoumise (Left wing)	11.03	4.86	17
Miscellaneous left	1.60	1.45	12
French Communist Party)	2.72	1.20	10
National Front (FN, nationalist, far-right)	13.20	8.75	8
Miscellaneous right	2.76	1.68	6
Regionalists	0.90	0.76	5
Radical Party of the Left (PRG, centre-left, social liberal)	0.47	0.36	3
Others	0.19	0.13	6

Turnout: 48.70% (1st round) and 42.64% (2nd round)

Malta*Legislative elections*

3 June 2017

Previous elections: 9 March 2013

Malta has a unicameral Assembly (*//-*

Kamra Tad-Deputati) with 67 seats. The deputies are elected through a single transferable vote proportional representation system, to serve a five-year term.

Parties	%	Seats
Labour Party (social-democrat. Centre-left)	55.04	37
Nationalist Party (Christian-democrat, conservative. Centre-right)	43.68	30
Democratic Alternative (green politics. Centre-left)	0.80	

Turnout: 92.6%

Slovenia*Presidential Elections*

22 October 2017 and 12 November 2017

Previous elections: 11 November 2012 and 2 December 2012

Parliamentary Republic. Two-round elections are held to choose a President for a five-year term.

Candidates	% 1st round	% 2nd round
Borut Pahor (Independent)	47.21	53.09
Marjan Sarec (Independent; List of Marjan Sarec)	24.76	46.91
Romana Tomc (Slovenian Democratic Party, SDS)	13.68	
Ljudmila Novak (New Slovenia)	7.24	
Andrej Šiško (United Slovenia Movement)	2.21	
Boris Popovič (Slovenia Forever)	1.80	
Maja Makovec Brenčič (Modern Centre Party)	1.74	

Suzana Lara Krause (Slovenian People's Party)	0.78
Angelca Likovič (Voice for Children and Families)	0.59

Turnout: 44.24% (1st round) and 42.13% (2nd round)

Serbia

Presidential Elections

2 April 2017

Previous elections: 6 May 2012 and 20 May 2012

The President is elected based on a majority system for a five-year term, renewable once only.

Candidates	% 1st round
Aleksandar Vučić (Serbian Progressive Party, SNS, conservatism nationalism, pro-Europe)	55.06
Sasa Jauković (Independent)	16.35
Luka Maksimović (Independent)	9.42
Vuk Jeremić (Independent)	5.65
Vojislav Šešelj (Serbian Radical Party, SRS, far right)	4.48
Boško Obradović (Dveri, Right wing to far right)	2.28
Saša Radulović (Enough is Enough, centre, centre-right)	1.41
Milan Stamatović (Independent)	1.15
Nenad Čanak (League of Social Democrats of Vojvodina, regionalist, centre-left)	1.12
Aleksandar Popović (Democratic Party of Serbia, DSS, conservatism, nationalism)	1.04
Miroslav Parović (National Freedom Movement)	0.32

Turnout: 54.36% (1st round)

Kosovo under UN Security Council Resolution 1244

Legislative elections

11 June 2017

Previous elections: 8 June 2014

Kosovo under UN Security Council Resolution 1244 is a parliamentary republic. It has a unicameral legislative system (*Kuvendi i Kosovës*) with 120 seats elected through an open-list proportional representation system to serve a four-year term. 10 of those deputies are elected by the Serbian community and another 10 by other minorities. A 5% threshold is estab-

lished for political parties representing the Albanian majority, and no threshold for the minorities.

Parties	%	Seats
PANA Coalition Democratic Party of Kosovo (PDK) (Liberalism)	33.7	39
Alliance for the Future of Kosovo (AAK) (Conservatism)		
Initiative for Kosovo		
Self-Determination Movement (LV) (Nationalism)	27.49	32
Democratic League of Kosovo (LDK) (Conservatism)	25.53	29
Serbian List (SL) (Minority interests, Serbian nationalism)	6.12	9
Turkish Democratic Party of Kosovo (Turkish minority)	1.08	2
Vakat Coalition (Bosnian minority)	0.89	2
Other Minority Parties	2.06	7

Turnout: 41.2%

Republic of Albania

Legislative elections

25 June 2017

Previous elections: 23 June 2013

The Albanian republic is a parliamentary democracy. Elections are held every four years to a unicameral 140-seat chamber (*Kuvendi i Shqipërisë*) through a closed-list proportional representation system. There are 12 multi-member constituencies corresponding to the country's 12 administrative regions. Within any constituency, parties must meet a threshold of 3%, and pre-election coalitions must meet a threshold of 5%.

Parties	%	Seats
Socialist Party of Albania (social-democrat, pro-Europeanism, Centre-left)	48.34	74
Democratic Party of Albania (conservative, Centre-right)	28.85	43
Socialist Movement for Integration (social-democrat, pro-Europeanism, Centre-left)	14.28	19
The Party for Justice, Integration and Unity (Albanian nationalism, Centre-right)	4.81	3

Social Democratic Party of Albania (social-democracy, centre-left)	0.95	1
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Turnout: 46.8%

Turkey

Referendum

16 April 2017

A constitutional referendum was held on whether to approve 18 proposed amendments to the Turkish constitution that were brought forward by the governing Justice and Development Party (AKP) and the Nationalist Movement Party (MHP). If approved, the office of the Prime Minister would be abolished and the existing parliamentary system of government would be replaced with an executive presidency and a presidential system. The referendum was held under a state of emergency that was declared following a failed military coup attempt in July 2016. Allegations of electoral misconduct, irregularities throughout the campaign and state coercion of 'No' supporters were widespread prior to, during and after the referendum. European election monitors said the referendum did not meet international standards.

Options	%
Yes	51.41
No	48.59

Turnout: 58.9%

Algeria

Legislative Elections

4 May 2017

Previous elections: 10 May 2012

Semi-presidential republic. Bicameral legislature. 462 seats to be filled in the People's National Assembly (*al-Majlis al-Sha'abi al-Watani/Assemblée Populaire Nationale*) for five-year terms by means of proportional representation and from multi-seat constituencies. eight seats are reserved for Algerians living abroad. 17 new parties recently legalized by the Interior Minister take part in the elections.

Parties	%	Seats
National Liberation Front (FLN)	25.99	164
National Rally for Democracy (RND)	14.91	100
Movement of Society for Peace - Front of Change (MSP-FC, Islamist coalition)	6.09	33
Rally for Hope for Algeria	4.18	19
Ennahda- Front for Justice and Development (FJD, Addala, Islamist)	3.70	15
Socialist Forces Front (FFS, social democrat)	2.36	14
El Moustakbel Front (FM, "Future," centrist)	4.11	14
Algerian Popular Movement (MPA, democrat)	3.73	13
Worker's Party (PT, communists)	2.97	11
Rally for Culture and Democracy	1.02	9
National Republican Alliance	1.87	6
Movement of National Understanding	0.80	4
El Karama Party ("Dignity," conservatism)	1.26	3
Party of Youth (PJ, young democrats)	0.98	2
AHD 54 (nationalist)	0.65	2
Republican Patriotic Rally (RPR)	0.63	2
El-Infitah Movement (MEI, "Opening," progressive)	0.59	2
National Struggle Front (FND)	0.54	2
Free Democratic Front	0.45	2

National Party for Solidarity and Development (PNSD, centrist)	0.44	2
Freedom and Justice Party	1.37	2
Other Parties		13
Independents		28

Turnout 37.37%

Mauritania

Referendum

5 August 2017

A constitutional referendum was held on 5 August 2017, having initially been planned for 15 July. In the referendum, two questions were asked about the reforms proposed by the government. The first dealt with the abolition of the Senate, the creation of regional councils, as well as the merger of the High Islamic Council and the National Ombudsman, giving way to the creation of the 'Supreme Council of the Fatwa.' The second question referred to national symbols, including a proposal to change the national flag, adding two red stripes at the top and bottom of the national flag, as well as the modification of the national anthem.

Options	Constitutional reforms (%)	National symbols (%)
For	85.61	85.67
Neutral	4.40	4.31
Against	9.99	10.02

Turnout: 53.75% and 53.72.

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