This chapter provides details of the results of presidential and legislative elections that took place in 2008 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.

Spain
Legislative Elections

9 March 2008
Previous elections: 14 March 2004
Parliamentary Monarchy with bicameral legislature. Elections were held based on proportional representation to elect the 350 members of the Congress of Deputies. Additionally, 208 members of the Senate were elected in four-seat constituencies. Another 56 members of this chamber were appointed by autonomous legislatures. The term of office lasts for four years.

Congress of Deputies

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Galician Nationalist Bloc (BNG, left wing independent regional) 0.8 2
Canarian Coalition (CC, conservative regional) 0.6 2
Union, Progress and Democracy (UPD, liberal) 1.2 1
Navarra Yes (NaBai, left wing Basque minority in Navarra regional) 0.2 1
Others 3.0 -

Senate

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Italy
Legislative Elections

13-14 April 2008
Previous elections: 9-10 April 2006
Parliamentary Republic with bicameral legislature. The Chamber of Deputies (Camera dei Deputati), has 630 directly elected members. The Senate of the Republic (Senato della Repubblica) has 322 members: 315 members elected through a simple majori-

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Malta
Legislative Elections

8 March 2008
Previous elections: 12 April 2003
Parliamentary Republic with unicameral legislature. Elections were called based on a system of proportional representation to elect the 65 members of the House of Representatives (Il Karma tad Deputati). Term of office is for five years.
Slovenia
Legislative Elections

21 September 2008
Previous elections: 3 October 2004 Parliamentary Republic with bicameral legislature, the Assembly of Slovenia (Skupscina Slovenije). The National Council (Drzavni Svet) has 40 members, which represent local and business interests, among other duties. Their terms of office last for five years. Elections were called to elect the 90 members of the National Assembly (Drzavni Zbor). 88 were elected based on a system of proportional representation. The two remaining seats were reserved for members from ethnic minority groups. Term of office lasts for four years.

Party % Seats
Social Democrats (SD) 30.4 29
Slovenian Democratic Party (SDS, conservative) 29.2 28
Zares-New Politics 9.3 9
Democratic Party of Pensioners of Slovenia (DeSUS) 7.4 7
Slovenian National Party (SNS, nationalist) 5.4 5
Slovenian People’s Party/Youth Party of Slovenia (SLS/SMS conservative) 5.2 5
Liberal Democracy of Slovenia (LDS) 5.2 5
Hungarian and Italian National Community - 2

Turnout: 63.1%

Candidates % 1st round % 2nd round
Boris Tadic (Democratic Party, DS; centrist) 35.4 50.3
Tomislav Nikolic (Serbian Radical Party, SRS; ultranationalist) 40.0 47.0
Velimir Ilic (New Serbia, NS) 7.4 -
Milutin Mrkonjic (Socialist Party of Serbia, SPS) 6.0 -
Gedomir Jovanovic (Liberal Democratic Party, LDP) 5.3 -
Istvan Pastor (Hungarian Coalition, MK) 2.3 -
Milanka Carric (Serbian Strength Movement, PSS) 1.0 -

Turnout: 61.4% (1st round), 68.1% (2nd round)

Legislative Elections

11 May 2008
Previous elections: 21 January 2007 Presidential Republic with unicameral legislature: the National Assembly of Serbia (Narodna Skupstina Srbije). Early elections were called to elect the 250 members of the Assembly based on a system of proportional representation for a four-year term. The OSCE electoral observation mission, Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) and Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe concluded that the electoral process was clean and fair.

Party % Seats
For a European Serbia 38.4 102
Serbian Advanced Party (SRS, xenophobic) 29.4 78
Democratic Party of Serbia-New Serbia (DSS-NS, conservative) 11.6 30
Socialist Party of Serbia (SPS, authoritarian) 7.5 20
Liberal Democratic Party (LDP, coalition) 5.2 13
Hungarian Coalition (MK) 1.8 4
List for Sandzak 0.9 2
Albanian Coalition from Presevo Valley 0.4 1

Turnout: 61.3%

Montenegro
Presidential Elections

6 April 2008
There were no previous presidential elections.

Party % Seats
Coalition for a Better Macedonia (ZpM) 48.8 63
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Sun-Coalition for Europe 23.6
Social Democratic Union of Macedonia (SDSM) 27
New Social Democratic Party
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Cyprus

Presidential Elections

17 and 24 February 2008
Previous elections: 16 February 2003
Presidential Republic. Elections were called to elect the President for a five-year term. Voting was compulsory.

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<td>Ioannis Kasoulides (Democratic Rally, DİSY; conservative)</td>
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<td>Tassos Papadopoulos (Democratic Party/ Movement of Social Democrats, DIKO/EDEK; liberal)</td>
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Turnout: 89.6% (1st round) and 90.8% (2nd round)

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