

# Mediterranean Electoral Observatory

This chapter provides details of the results of presidential and legislative elections that took place in 2021 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

10 November 2019

Previous elections: 10 November 2019

Spain is a parliamentary monarchy. It has a bicameral legislative system (*Cortes Generales*) composed of the Congress of Deputies and the Senate. Elections are held to renew both bodies to serve four-year terms. 350 members are designated to the first chamber through a proportional representation system, closed-party lists and a 3% threshold. The second chamber has 259 seats and they are allocated as follows: 208 directly elected in four-seat constituencies and 51 appointed by the autonomous legislatures.

### Congress of Deputies

Parties	%	Seats
People's Party (PP, Conservatism)	33.06	137
Spanish Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE, Social democracy)	31.68	121
VOX (Far right)	12.38	33
Unite (Sumar, Left wing)	12.33	31
Republican Left of Catalonia (ERC - regional independentist)	1.89	7
Together for Catalonia (Junts - regional independentist)	1.60	7
Basque Country Unite (EH Bildu, Left wing - nationalism)	1.36	6
Basque Nationalist Party (EAJ/PNV, Basque nationalism)	1.12	5
Galician Nationalist Bloc (BNG)	0.62	1

Canary Coalition (CC, regionalism)	0.47	1
Navarrese People's Union (UPN, conservatism)	0.21	1

Turnout: 66.59%

### Senate

	%	Seats
People's Party (PP) (Conservatism)	34.54	120
Spanish Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE) (Social democracy)	32.24	72
Republican Left of Catalonia (ERC - regional independentist)	2.70	3
Together for Catalonia (Junts - regional independentist)	1.84	1
Basque Country Unite (EH Bildu, Left wing - nationalism)	1.48	4
Basque Nationalist Party (EAJ/PNV, Basque nationalism)	1.26	4
Navarrese People's Union (UPN, conservatism)	0.28	1
Ibiza and Formentera in the Senate (PSOE-SMR-EU - Ara Eivissa)	0.04	1
Gomera Socialist Group (ASG)	0.01	1
Independent Herrenian Group (AHI)	0.00	1

Turnout: 66.33%

## Principality of Monaco

### Legislative elections

5 February 2023

Previous elections: 11 February 2018

Monaco is a constitutional monarchy. It has a unicameral National Council (*Conseil National*) with 24 seats. 16 members are elected by majority vote in multi-member constituencies and eight members are elected through an open-list proportional representation system.

Parties	%	Seats
Monegasque National Union (UNM, conservatism, centre-right)	89.6	24
New Ideas for Monaco (NIM, centre-left)	10.4	0

Turnout: 57.26%

## Serbia

### Legislative elections

17 December 2023

Previous elections: 3 April 2022

Serbia is a parliamentary republic. It has a unicameral legislative system (*Narodna skupština*) with 250 seats. The deputies are elected through a closed-list proportional representation system to serve four-year term. There is a 3% threshold, although this is waived for ethnic minority parties.

Parties	%	Seats
Serbia Must Not Stop (Serbian Progressive Party (SNS) and allies) (Conservatism)	48.07	129
Serbia Against Violence Coalition (pro-Europeanism)	24.32	65
Socialist Party of Serbia (SPS) - United Serbia (JS) - Greens of Serbia (ZS) (Social democracy)	6.73	18
National Democratic Alternative (conservative)	5.16	13
We - Voice from the People (Russophilia, Right-wing populism)	4.82	13
Alliance of Vojvodina Hungarians (Minority interests)	1.74	6
Justice and Reconciliation Party (Bosniak minority interests) - Democratic Alliance of Croats in Vojvodina Croatian minority interests)	0.78	2
Party of Democratic Action of Sandzak (SDAS) (Bosniak minority interests)	0.59	2
Albanian Coalition of Preševo Valley (Minority interests)	0.36	1
Russian Party (RS, Russian minority, Russophilia) - New Communist Party of Yugoslavia	0.31	1

Turnout: 58.77%

## Montenegro

### Presidential elections

19 March 2023 / 2 April 2023

Previous elections: 15 April 2018

Montenegro is a Parliamentary Republic in which the President is directly elected using the two-round system to serve a five-year-term.

Candidates	% 1st round	% 2nd round
Milo Đukanović (Democratic Party of Socialists of Montenegro)	35.37	41.12
Jakov Milatović (Europe Now!)	28.92	58.88
Andrija Mandić (Democratic Front)	19.32	
Aleksa Bečić (Democratic Montenegro)	11.10	
Draginja Vuksanović (Social Democratic Party)	3.15	
Goran Danilović (United Montenegro)	1.38	
Jovan Radulović (Independent)	0.76	

Turnout: 63.00% (1st round) and 70.14% (2nd round)

### Legislative elections

11 June 2023

Previous elections: 30 August 2020  
Montenegro has a unicameral Assembly (Skupstina) with 81 seats. The deputies are elected through a party-list proportional representation system to serve a four-year term within a single nationwide constituency. There is a 3% threshold to gain representation. Minority groups that account for no more than 15% of the population in a district are given an exemption that lowers the electoral threshold to 0.7%. The parties of the same minority are summed up when calculating the seats to a maximum of three seats. For the lists representing the Croatian minority, in the event that none surpasses the 0.7% threshold but the most successful obtains no less than 0.35% of valid votes, then it is entitled to one seat.

Parties	%	Seats
Europe Now! (Economic liberalism)	25.53	24
Together! (Democratic Party of Socialists (DPS); Social Democrats; Liberal Party) (centre-left)	23.22	21
For the Future of Montenegro (Democratic Front; Popular Movement; Socialist People's Party (SNP), (cultural conservative, populist, Serb ethnic interests)	14.74	13

Aleksa and Dritan - Count Bravely (Democratic Montenegro; United Reform Action) (Pro-Europeanism centre)	12.48	11
Bosniak Party (BS)	7.08	6
Socialist People's Party (SNP) (social-democrat) - Democratic Alliance (DEMOS) (liberalism),	3.13	2
Albanian Forum (Albanian minority interests)	1.91	2
Albanian Alliance (Albanian minority interests)	1.49	1
Croatian Civic Initiative (Croat minority interests)	0.74	1

Turnout: 56.28

### Greece

#### Legislative elections

21 May 2023

Previous elections: 7 July 2019

Greece is a parliamentary republic with a unicameral legislature. The chamber (*Vouli ton Ellinon*) has 300 members. Candidates are elected through a proportional representation system to serve a four-year term. There are 59 constituencies for 285 seats. The remaining 15 MPs are elected from nationwide party lists, of which three are required to represent the Greek diaspora. They were the first elections since 1990 not to be held under a bonus seats system, due to amendments to the electoral law made in 2016. There is a 3% threshold.

Parties	%	Seats
New Democracy (ND) (Conservatism)	40.79	146
Coalition of the Radical Left - Progressive Alliance (SYRIZA)	20.07	71
ASOK - Movement for Change (PASOK-KINAL, Social-democracy)	11.46	41
Communist Party of Greece (KKE)	7.23	26
Greek Solution (Ultra-nationalism)	4.45	16

Turnout: 61.10%

#### Legislative elections

21 June 2023

Previous elections: 21 May 2023

As the May 2023 elections did not result in any party gaining a majority, and no coalition government was formed by any of the parties eligible to do so,

Prime Minister K. Mitsotakis called for another snap election in June.

Parties	%	Seats
New Democracy (ND) (Conservatism)	40.56	158
Coalition of the Radical Left - Progressive Alliance (SYRIZA)	17.83	47
ASOK - Movement for Change (PASOK-KINAL, Social-democracy)	11.84	32
Communist Party of Greece (KKE)	7.69	21
Spartans (Far-right)	4.68	12
Greek Solution (Ultra-nationalism)	4.44	12
Victory (Conservative)	3.70	10
Course of Freedom (Left-wing nationalism)	3.17	8

Turnout: 53.74%

### Republic of Cyprus

#### Presidential elections

5 and 12 February 2023

Previous elections: 28 January 2018 and 4 February 2018

Presidential Republic, the President is elected by absolute majority vote through a two-round system to serve a five-year term.

Candidates	% 1st round	% 2nd round
Nikos Christodoulides (Independent)	32.04	51.97
Andreas Mavroyiannis (Independent)	29.59	48.03
Averof Neofytou (Democratic Party)	26.11	
Christos Christou, (National Popular Front (ELAM))	6.04	
Achilleas Demetriades (Independent)	2.05	

Turnout: 72.04% (1st round) and 72.45% (2nd round)

### Türkiye

#### Presidential elections

14 and 28 May 2023

Previous elections: 24 June 2018

Türkiye is a presidential republic, following the constitutional changes in 2017, the elected President will be both the head of state and head of government of Türkiye. The President is elected by absolute majority vote through a two-round system to serve a five-year term. A second round was not necessary as

one of the candidates achieved absolute majority in the first round.

Candidates	% 1st round	% 2nd round
Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, Justice and Development Party (AKP) (Conservatism)	49.52	52.18
Kemal Kılıçdaroğlu, Republican People's Party (CHP) (Social democracy)	44.88	47.82
Sinan Oğan, Independent	5.17	
Muharrem İnce, Homeland Party (İYİ)	0.43	

\* Withdrew candidacy on 11 May 2023, remained on the ballot  
Turnout: 87.04% (first round); 84.15% (second round)

### Legislative elections

14 May 2023

Previous elections: 24 June 2018

Türkiye is a presidential republic. The Grand National Assembly of Türkiye (*Türkiye Büyük Millet Meclisi*) is composed of 600 seats. The members will be elected by party-list proportional representation in 87 electoral districts. In order to gain a seat in Parliament, a party must obtain at least 7% of votes cast in the parliamentary elections nationwide, the parliamentary threshold does not apply to independents. With the approval of the election alliance law in early 2018, parties were given the ability to contest the election under formal alliances as a means of jointly surpassing the election threshold.

Parties	%	Seats
<b>People's Alliance</b>	<b>49.91</b>	<b>323</b>
Justice and Development Party (AKP) (Conservatism, Islamism)	35.56	268
Nationalist Movement Party (MHP) (Turkish nationalism)	10.05	50
New Welfare Party	2.80	5
Great Unity Party	0.97	0
<b>Nation Alliance</b>	<b>35.35</b>	<b>212</b>
Republican People's Party (CHP) (Social democracy)	25.34	169
İyi Party	9.68	43
<b>Labour and Freedom Alliance</b>	<b>10.67</b>	<b>65</b>
Party of Greens and the Left Future	8.90	61
Workers' Party of Turkey	1.77	4

Turnout: 86.23%

### Egypt

#### Presidential elections

10 and 12 December 2023

Previous elections: 26 and 28 March 2018

Egypt is a presidential republic. The President is elected by an absolute majority vote through a two-round system to serve a four-year term. A second round was not necessary as only two candidates ran for election.

Candidates	% 1st round
Abdel Fattah al Sisi	89.65
Hazem Omar (Republican People's Party)	4.49
Farid Zahran (Egyptian Social Democratic Party)	4.01
Abdel-Sanad Yamama, (El-Ghad Party)	1.86

Turnout: 66.80%

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