



## POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

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### 2019 European Parliament Elections

The voting process for the election of the representatives of Cyprus to the European Parliament took place on 26 May 2019. According to the final results of the voting process, out of the 641.181 registered electors only 288.483 casted their vote, leading to an abstention rate of 55,01%. The percentage of invalid and blank votes was 1,91% and 0,71% respectively, while the results for the main contending parties were as follows:

DEMOCRATIC RALLY: 29,02%

AKEL – LEFT – NEW FORCES: 24,49%

DEMOCRATIC PARTY: 13,80%

EDEK: 10,58%

NATIONAL PEOPLE'S FRONT: 8,25%

DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE: 3,80%

CITIZEN'S ALLIANCE-GREEN PARTY: 3,29%

Therefore, the newly-elected Members of the European Parliament for Cyprus are: Loucas Fourlas and Lefteris Christoforou of the Democratic Rally, Georgiou Giorgos and Niyazi Kizilyürek of AKEL, Costas Mavrides of the Democratic Party and Demetris Papadakis of EDEK.

The six newly-elected Cypriot MEPs.  
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In a written statement issued on 26 May 2019, President Anastasiades expressed his satisfaction for the smooth election process, noting that the "elections were held in a climate of utmost political civility as it befits a European country". The President also thanked all those who worked for the success of the elections.

Moreover, he congratulated those candidates who received the people's mandate, pointing out that he is certain they will work together for the best interest of Cyprus. The President also thanked those who exercised their right to vote, noting however that "it is disturbing that a large share of our compatriots chose to abstain. A phenomenon that must be of serious concern at Cypriot and European level".

President Anastasiades also said he was pleased with the increased participation of Turkish Cypriots and concluded by stressing that "The elections are over. From tomorrow what matters is everyone's cooperation, so that we can efficiently cope with any threats our country faces, to continue efforts to resolve the Cyprus problem, and together proceed with the necessary reforms that will make our country worthy of the expectations of our people".