

Changes in the distribution of seats in the European Parliament

Caption: Table showing the change in the number of European Parliament seats allocated to each Member State since 1952.

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	Common Assembly of the ECSC	European Parliamentary Assembly	European Parliament									
Legal basis	Article 21 of the ECSC Treaty (1951)	Article 138 of the EEC Treaty* (1957)	Article 138 of the EEC Treaty*, modified by the Act of Accession of Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom (1972)	Article 2 of the Act concerning the election of the representatives to the Parliament by direct universal suffrage (1976)	Article 2 of the 1976 Act, modified by the Act of Accession of Greece (1979)	Article 2 of the 1976 Act, modified by the Act of Accession of Spain and Portugal (1985)	Article 2 of the 1976 Act, modified by the Act of Council Decision 93/81/Eurat om, ECSC, EEC (1993)	Article 2 of the 1976 Act, modified by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden (1994)	Article 190 of the EC Treaty**, modified by the Act of Accession of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia (2003)	Article 24 of the Act of Accession of Bulgaria and Romania (2005)	Article 190 of the EC Treaty**, modified by the Act of Accession of Bulgaria and Romania (2005)	
Date of application	1952	1958	1973	1979	1981	1986	1994	1995	2004	2007	2009	
Parliamentary terms				1st parliamentary term (1979-1984)	1st parliamentary term (1979-1984) and 2nd	2nd parliamentary term (1984-1989) and 3rd	4th parliamentary term (1994-1999) and 5th	4th parliamentary term (1994-1999) and 5th	6th parliamentary term (2004-2009)	6th parliamentary term (2004-2009)	7th parliamentary term (2009-2014)****	

					parliamentary term (1984-1989)	parliamentary term (1989-1994)		parliamentary term (1999-2004)				
Belgium	10	14	14	24	24	24	25	25	24	24	22	
Bulgaria										18	17	
Czech Republic									24	24	22	
Denmark			10	16	16	16	16	16	14	14	13	
Germany	18	36	36	81	81	81	99	99	99	99	99	
Estonia									6	6	6	
Greece					24	24	25	25	24	24	22	
Spain						60	64	64	54	54	50	
France	18	36	36	81	81	81	87	87	78	78	72	
Ireland			10	15	15	15	15	15	13	13	12	
Italy	18	36	36	81	81	81	87	87	78	78	72	
Cyprus									6	6	6	
Latvia									9	9	8	
Lithuania									13	13	12	
Luxembourg	4	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	
Hungary									24	24	22	
Malta									5	5	5	
Netherlands	10	14	14	25	25	25	31	31	27	27	25	
Austria									21	18	17	
Poland									54	54	50	
Portugal						24	25	25	24	24	22	
Romania										35	33	
Slovenia									7	7	7	
Slovakia									14	14	13	
Finland								16	14	14	13	
Sweden								22	19	19	18	
United Kingdom			36	81	81	81	87	87	78	78	72	

Total	78	142	198	410	434	518	567	626	732	785	736
* Article 108 of the EAEC Treaty and Article 21 of the ECSC Treaty.											
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*** The entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty would modify the distribution of seats during the parliamentary term.											