



PROVISIONAL RESULTS FOR LOCAL AND THE EP ELECTIONS IN LATVIA

On June 6, 2009, elections to the European Parliament (EP) and local elections were held in Latvia.

Provisional results of the Riga City Council elections on midday June 6, representing data from 157 polling districts out of 158, show that 4 political parties have passed 5% threshold (a total of 17 parties participated). The top 4 are:

1. Political party alliance "Harmony Centre"	34,40%
2. Civic Union	18,82%
3. Latvia's First Party/ Latvia's Way	15,13%
4. New Era	11,04%

Overall voter activity in the country was 52,95% or 789 379 voters. This was the first election since administrative territorial reforms were enacted, changing the size and number of local governments. 109 amalgamated municipalities and 9 republic cities held elections to local governments.

Official results for the amalgamated municipalities will be available in three days after elections (June 9 at the latest) and for the cities – seven days after elections (June 13 at the latest).

The first local government meetings must be convened on July 1, 2009.

Provisional results of the EP results on midday June 6 includes data from all 951 polling districts. At the EP elections 17 political parties competed for 8 out of 736 seats. Voter activity was 53,06% or 791 345 voters, which is higher than local elections. This is because as all European Union citizens residing in Latvia are eligible to vote in the EP elections. 6 political parties passed 5% threshold and will be represented in the EP:

1. Civic Union	24,33%	2 seats
2. Political party alliance "Harmony Centre"	19,57%	2 seats
3. For Human Rights in United Latvia	9,66%	1 seat
4. Latvia's First Party / Latvia's Way	7,50%	1 seat
5. Alliance For Fatherland and Freedom / LNNK	7,46%	1 seat
6. New Era	6,66%	1 seat

Official results with names of individuals representing Latvia in the EP will be known in three weeks time. On July 14, 2009, the first plenary session of the EP will be held in its new composition.

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