

Directorate-General for the Presidency
Directorate for Relations with National Parliaments

Factsheet: The Estonian Riigikogu












Toompea Castle in Tallinn, the seat of the Riigikogu

1. At a glance



The Riigikogu is a unicameral Parliament of 101 Members and is elected for a four-year term. All important state-related questions pass through the Riigikogu. In addition to approving legislation, the Riigikogu appoints the Prime Minister and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and elects (either alone or, together with representatives of local government within a broader electoral college) the President. The Riigikogu also ratifies international treaties, approves the budget presented by the government as law, and monitors the executive power.

The parliamentary elections of 3 March 2019 marked the victory of the Reform party (Renew), followed by the Estonian Centre party (Renew). The Centre party, however, turned down an offer by the winning Reform party to form a joint coalition, forming instead a coalition between the Centre Party, EKRE, and Pro Patria (in office since 29 April 2019).

2. Composition

Results of the parliamentary elections of 3 March 2019				
	Party	EP affiliation	%	Seats
	Eesti Reformierakond (REF) Estonian Reform Party		28,9	34
	Eesti Keskerakond (KESK) Estonian Centre Party		23,1	26
	Eesti Konservatiivne Rahvaerakond (EKRE) Estonian Conservative People's Party		17,8	19
	Isamaa Erakond Pro Patria	Not affiliated	11,4	12
	Sotsiaaldemokraatlik Erakond (SDE) Social Democratic Party		9,8	10
				101
Turnout: 63.7%				
The next elections must take place in 2023 at the latest.				

3. Officeholders

<p>President of the Riigikogu</p>  <p>Mr Henn Põlluaas (EKRE/ID) since 4 April 2019</p>	<p>Chairperson of the Committee on European Union Affairs</p>  <p>Ms Anneli Ott (KESK, Renew) since 6 May 2019</p>
<p>Secretary-General of the Riigikogu: Mr Peep Jahilo</p>	

4. Relations with Members of the European Parliament

Participation rights for Estonian MEPs in plenary sittings	No
Participation rights for Estonian MEPs in committee meetings	Only EU Affairs committee
Availability of videoconferencing system in the Riigikogu	Yes

5. Information links

Official website: <http://riigikogu.ee>

[List of committees](#)

[Recent documents submitted by the Riigikogu to the Interparliamentary EU Information Exchange \(IPEX\)](#)

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