



Factsheet: The Slovenian National Assembly (Državni zbor)


















1. At a glance

Slovenia is a republic and a parliamentary democracy. The Parliament of Slovenia has a bicameral structure and consists of the National Assembly (Državni zbor) which has 90 Members and the National Council (Državni svet) which has 40 Members. The Slovenian Parliament is considered as an “incomplete bicameral system”, meaning that the upper chamber (National Council) does not have equal competences with the lower chamber (National Assembly) and therefore has less authority.



The National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia is the supreme representative and legislative institution, exercising legislative and electoral powers as well as control over the Executive. The Members of the National Assembly are directly elected by the citizens. An exception to the principle of universal and equal suffrage is the voting right of the members of the Italian and Hungarian national communities. The right to vote and be elected representative of these communities in the National Assembly is only enjoyed by the members of the communities, and not by all the citizens. Elections to the National Council must take place every four years at the latest, and are based on the principles of proportional representation. The voting age is 18 years.

The current Slovenian coalition government under Prime Minister Mr Janez Janša (SDS/EPP) is composed of the Slovenian Democratic Party (SDS/EPP), the Party of Modern Center (SMC/ALDE), the New Slovenia - Christian Democrats Party (NSi/EPP) and the Democratic Party of Pensioners of Slovenia (DeSUS). The Assembly elected Mr Igor Zorčič, the Modern Centre Party (SMC/ALDE), on the 5th of March 2020 as the 14th President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia. The next National Assembly elections must take place in June 2022 at the latest.

2. Composition

Results of the National Assembly elections on 3 June 2018				
	Slovenska demokratska stranka (SDS) Slovenian Democratic Party		24.92%	25
	Lista Marjana Šarca (LMŠ) List of Marjan Šarec	No MEPs	12.60%	13
	Socialni demokrati (SD) Social democrats		9.93%	10
	Stranka modernega centra (SMC) Party of Modern Center		9.75%	10
	Levica Left		9.33%	9
	Nova Slovenija - Krščanski demokrati (NSi) New Slovenia - Christian Democrats		7.16%	7
	Stranka Alenke Bratušek (SAB) Party of Alenka Bratušek		5.11%	5
	Demokratska stranka upokojencev Slovenije (DeSUS) Democratic Party of Pensioners in Slovenia	Non-attached	4.93%	5
	Slovenska nacionalna stranka (SNS) Slovenian National Party	No MEPs	4.17%	4
	Representatives of the Hungarian and Italian minorities			2
			100%	90
Turnout: 52.64%				

3. Officeholders

President of the Slovenian National Assembly  Igor Zorčič (SMC/ALDE)	Chair of the EU Affairs Committee  Marko Pogačnik (SDS/EPP)
Secretary General of the Slovenian National Assembly: Ms Uršula Zore Tavčar, since 2 August 2014	

4. Relations with Members of the European Parliament

Participation rights for Slovenian MEPs in plenary sittings	No
Participation rights for Slovenian MEPs in committee meetings	Yes (Slovenian MEPs are always invited to the sessions of the EU Affairs Committee and have the right to participate in the debate. Occasionally they are invited to present a specific item on the agenda, usually it is the state of play of a particular EU dossier)
Availability of videoconferencing system in Slovenian National Assembly	No

5. Information links

- Official website: <http://www.dz-rs.si>
- [Rules of procedure in English](#)
- [List of committees](#)
- [Recent documents submitted by the National Assembly to the Interparliamentary EU Information Exchange \(IPEX\)](#)
- [European Parliament Liaison Office in Slovenia](#)

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