

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

## Factsheet: Romanian Chamber of Deputies (Camera Deputa ilor)














### 1. At a glance


Romania is a constitutional republic with a democratic multiparty parliamentary system. The bicameral parliament (Parlamentul României) consists of the Senate (Senat) and the Chamber of Deputies (Camera Deputa ilor). The Chamber of Deputies and the Senate are elected every four years by universal, equal, direct, secret, and freely expressed suffrage. In the 2016 legislative elections, following the amendment of electoral law in 2015, deputies and senators were elected based on a proportional electoral system, last used in the 2004 elections, and which replaced the uninominal voting system.

The new electoral law provides a norm of representation of 73,000 inhabitants for deputies and 168,000 inhabitants for senators which led to a decrease in the number of MPs: from **588** to **466** parliamentary seats (**308 deputies, 18 minority deputies, and 134 senators**). The Romanian diaspora is represented by four deputies and two senators.

### 2. Composition

<b>Current situation (after the elections of 11 December 2016)</b>				
	<b>Party</b>	<b>EP affiliation</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Seats</b>
	<b>Partidul Social Democrat (PSD)</b> Social Democratic Party		45,47	154
	<b>Partidul Na ional Liberal (PNL)</b> National Liberal Party		20,04	69
	<b>Uniunea Salva i România ((USR)</b> Save Romania Union	Not affiliated	8,87	30
	<b>Uniunea Democrat Maghiar din România (UDMR)</b> <b>Româniai Magyar Demokrata Szövetség</b> Democratic Union of Hungarians in Romania		6,18	21
	<b>Alian a liberalilor i democra ilor (ALDE)</b> Liberal-Democrat Alliance		5,62	20
	<b>Partidului Mi carea Popular (PMP)</b> Popular Movement Party		5,34	18
	<b>Minoritai Na ionale</b> Members representing ethnic minorities	Not affiliated		17
<b>Turnout: 39.49%. Next legislative elections: 2020.</b>				

### 3. Officeholders

<p><b>President of the Chamber of Deputies</b></p>  <p>Mr Marcel CIOLACU (PSD/S&amp;D), since May 2019</p>	<p><b>Chairperson of the EU Affairs Committee</b></p>  <p>Mr Angel TÎLV R (PSD/S&amp;D), since February 2018</p>
<p><b>Secretary of the Chamber of Deputies:</b> Ms Silvia-Claudia MIHALCEA, since February 2017</p>	

### 4. Relations with Members of the European Parliament

<b>Participation rights for Romanian MEPs in plenary sittings</b>	No, only upon request
<b>Participation rights for Romanian MEPs in committee meetings</b>	No, only upon request
<b>Availability of videoconferencing system in Romanian Chamber of Deputies</b>	Yes

### 5. Information links

- Official website: [Chamber of Deputies](#)
- [Regulations of the Chamber of Deputies in English](#)
- [Recent documents submitted by the Chamber of Deputies to the Interparliamentary EU Information Exchange \(IPEX\)](#)
- [European Parliament Information Office in Bucharest](#)

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