

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

Factsheet: The Maltese Parliament



1. At a glance









Malta is a democratic republic with a representative democracy. The Constitution of Malta provides for a Parliament which shall consist of the President of the Republic of Malta and a House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives (*Kamra tad-Deputati*) is currently composed of 68 Members of Parliament who are elected upon the principle of proportional representation by way of a single transferable vote system from an odd number of electoral divisions/constituencies. A party that wins a majority of votes, but does not enjoy a majority of seats, is awarded, proportionately, additional seats in order to ensure a parliamentary majority. Currently Malta is divided into 13 five-seat constituencies from where Members are elected for a five-year term.



Elections were held in June 2017 for all the members of the House of Representatives following the premature dissolution of this body on 1 May 2017 (general elections had previously been held in March 2013). 65 Members were directly elected two additional members were elected in accordance with the Constitution and the Speaker was re-elected.

There are currently two political parties represented in Parliament; the Labour Party (*Partit Laburista*) which is in Government with 37 seats after having won the 2017 elections with a majority of 7 seats; and the Nationalist Party (*Partit Nazzjonalista*) in Opposition with 30 seats. The main functions of Parliament are the enactment of laws and the scrutiny of the Executive.

2. Composition

Results of the elections of 3 June 2017				
	Party	EP affiliation	%	Seats
	Partit Laburista (PL) Labour Party		55.04	37
	Partit Nazzjonalista (PN) Nationalist Party		43.68	30
	Alternattiva Demokratika Democratic Alternative	 NA	0.80	0
	Moviment Patrijotti Maltin Maltese Patriots Movement	-	0.36	0
	Alleanza Bidla	-	0.07	0
	Independents		0.03	0
			100%	67
Turnout: 92.06%				

3. Officeholders

Speaker of the Maltese Parliament  Hon. <u>Dr. Anglu Farrugia</u> (PL/S&D), Sworn in on 6 April 2013, re-elected on 24 June 2017	Chairperson of the Foreign and EU Affairs Committee  Hon. Edward Zammit Lewis Committee Chairman
Clerk of the House: Mr Ray Scicluna, since January 2012	

4. Relations with Members of the European Parliament

Participation rights for Maltese MEPs in plenary sittings	No
Participation rights for Maltese MEPs in committee meetings	MEPs have a right to participate in meetings of the Foreign and European Affairs Committee but they do not have the right to vote.
Availability of videoconferencing system in the Maltese Parliament	Yes

5. Information links

- Official website: <http://www.parlament.mt/>
- [Rules of Procedure](#)
- [List of committees](#)
- [Recent documents submitted by the Maltese House of Representatives to the Interparliamentary EU Information Exchange \(IPEX\)](#)
- [European Parliament Information Office in Malta](#)

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