

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



## 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 Dr Miro Cerar (SMC/ALDE) is composed of the Party of Modern Center (SMC/ALDE), the Democratic Party of Pensioners of Slovenia (DeSUS/NI) and the Social Democrats (SD/S&D). The incumbent President, who was directly elected in 2012 by the citizens for a five-year term, is Mr Bohut Pahor.

### 2. Composition

Results of the National Assembly elections on 13 July 2014				
	Party	EP affiliation	%	Seats
	<b>Stranka modernega centra (SMC)</b> Party of Modern Center		34,6%	36
	<b>Slovenska demokratska stranka (SDS)</b> Slovenian Democratic Party		20,9%	21
	<b>Demokratska stranka upokojencev Slovenije (DeSUS)</b> Democratic Party of Pensioners of Slovenia	Non-attached	10,2%	10
	<b>Socialni demokrati (SD)</b> Social democrats		5,9%	6
	<b>Združena levica (ZL)</b> United Left	Non-attached	5,9%	6
	<b>Nova Slovenija - Krščanski demokrati (NSi)</b> New Slovenia- Christian Democrats		5,5%	5
	<b>Zavezništvo Alenke Bratušek (ZaAB) (DISSOLVED)</b> Alliance of Alenka Bratušek		4,3%	4
	Representatives of the Hungarian and Italian minorities			2
			100%	90
<b>Turnout: 50,99%</b>				
<b>The next National Assembly elections must take place in summer 2018 at the latest.</b>				

### 3. Officeholders

<p><b>President of the Slovenian National Assembly</b></p>  <p>Dr Milan Brglez (SMC/ALDE), since 2 August 2014</p>	<p><b>Chair of the EU Affairs Committee</b></p>  <p>Mr Kamal Izidor Shaker (SMC/ALDE), since 26 August 2014</p>
<p>Secretary General of the Slovenian National Assembly: Ms Uršula Zore Tavčar, since 2 August 2014</p>	

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

<b>Participation rights for Slovenian MEPs in plenary sittings</b>	No
<b>Participation rights for Slovenian MEPs in committee meetings</b>	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)
<b>Availability of videoconferencing system in Slovenian National Assembly</b>	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 Information Office in Ljubljana](#)

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