

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

Factsheet: The French National Assembly









1. At a glance

France is a semi-presidential Republic and a parliamentary democracy. Together with the Senate, the National Assembly form the Parliament of the French Republic. Its primary role is to discuss, amend and pass the laws. The Assembly, unlike the Senate, has the power to overthrow the Government. Its premises are the Bourbon Palace in Paris.

The Assembly has 577 Members, elected or re-elected in the general elections by direct universal suffrage in each 577 constituencies in two rounds, for a period of 5 years. French legislative elections were held on 11 and 18 June 2017. This election is part of the same electoral sequence as the presidential election, which was held on 23 April and 7 May 2017. These elections saw the landslide victory of the new presidential majority (*La République en Marche!* + *Mouvement Démocrate*) in the wake of the election of Emmanuel Macron as President of the Republic.

2. Composition

Political group	EP affiliation	Seats
La République en Marche ! (<i>gouvernement coalition</i>)	None	311
Les Républicains		101
Mouvement démocrate (et apparentés) (<i>gouvernement coalition</i>)		47
Les constructifs (UDI, républicains, ind.)		32
Nouvelle Gauche		31
La France Insoumise		17
Gauche démocrate et républicaine		16
Others		18
TOTAL		577
The next elections must take place in spring 2022 at the latest.		

(further info : http://www2.assemblee-nationale.fr/instances/liste/groupes_politiques/effectif)

3. Officeholders

President of the National Assembly  Mr Richard Ferrand (La République en Marche), since 12 September 2018	Chairperson of the EU affairs committee  Mme. Sabine Thillaye (La République en Marche), since 5 July 2017
Secretary General of the National Assembly: Mr Michel Moreau	

4. Relations with Members of the European Parliament

Participation rights for French MEPs in plenary sittings	No
Participation rights for French MEPs in committee meetings	No (with the exception of the EU affairs Committee meetings, in which French MEPs are invited)
Availability of videoconferencing system in French Assembly	Yes

5. Information links

- Official website <http://www.assemblee-nationale.fr/>
- [Rules of procedure in English and French](#)
- [List of committees](#)
- [Recent documents submitted by the National Assembly to the Interparliamentary EU Information Exchange \(IPEX\)](#)
- [European Parliament Information Office in Paris](#)

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