

FACTSHEET

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ROMANIAN SENATE



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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 Deputaților). 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 (312 deputies, 18 minority deputies, and 136 senators). The Romanian diaspora is represented by four deputies and two senators.

2. COMPOSITION

The Senate: Current Parliamentary Political Group Composition				
	Party	EP affiliation	%	Seats
	Partidul Social Democrat (PSD) Social Democratic Party		29,32	47
	Partidul Național Liberal (PNL) National Liberal Party		25,58	41
	Alianța USR-PLUS Save Romania Union (USR) and Party of Liberty, Unity and Solidarity (PLUS) Alliance	Renew Europe	15,86	25
	Alianța pentru Unirea Românilor (AUR) Alliance for the Unity of Romanians	Not affiliated	9,17	14
	Uniunea Democrată Maghiară din România (UDMR) Romániai Magyar Demokrata Szövetség Democratic Union of Hungarians in Romania		5,89	9
Turnout: 33.30%				
Next legislative elections: 2024				

3. OFFICEHOLDERS

President of the Senate



Ms Anca Dana DRAGU
(USR-Plus Alliance/Renew Europe),
Since December 2020

Chairperson of the EU Affairs Committee



Mr Angel TÎLVĂR (PSD/S&D),
since December 2020

Secretary General of the Romanian Senate: Mr Ciprian BUCUR

4. RELATIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Participation rights for Romanian MEPs in plenary sittings

No, only upon request/invitation

Participation rights for Romanian MEPs in committee meetings

No, only upon request/invitation

Availability of videoconferencing system in Romanian Senate

No

5. INFORMATION LINKS

- Official website: <http://www.senat.ro/>
- [Rules of procedure for Romanian Senate](#)
- [List of committees](#)
- [Recent documents submitted by the Senate to the Interparliamentary EU Information Exchange \(IPEX\)](#)
- [European Parliament Liaison Office in Bucharest](#)

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