

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

Factsheet: The Hellenic Parliament



<u>1. At a glance</u>

Greece is a parliamentary democracy. The Hellenic Parliament is comprised of 300 Members who are directly elected by the citizens under a combination of voting systems. Voting in Greece is compulsory.

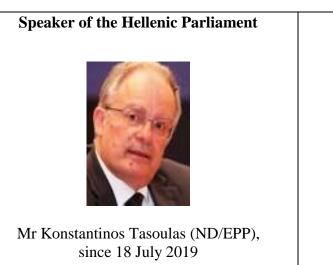
The main functions of the Parliament are to vote on legislation (which can be introduced by Government ministers, individual Members or political groups in the Parliament, in accordance with the constitution) and to exercise democratic control over the activities of the Government and other state agencies.

Elections normally take place every four years, but early elections may be called by the Prime Minister at any time. Early elections are also foreseen by the Constitution in the case of loss of confidence to the Government following a relevant vote in Parliament, or in the case of inability to elect the President of the Republic. Following the elections on 20 September 2015, SYRIZA (GUE/NGL) was re-elected as the largest party and continued its coalition government with the Independent Greeks (no affiliation in the EP) under Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras.

2. Composition

| Party Nea Democratia New Democracy Synaspismos Rizospastikis Aristeras (SYRIZA) | EP affiliation | % 39.85 | Seats 158 |
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| New Democracy Synaspismos Rizospastikis Aristeras (SYRIZA) | \sim | 39.85 | 158 |
| | | | |
| Coalition of Radical Left | GUE/NGL | 31,53 | 86 |
| Kinal Movement fo Change | S&D | 8,10 | 22 |
| Kommounistiko Komma Elladas Communist Party of Greece | Non- attached | 5,30 | 15 |
| EL Greek Solution | ECR STREET | 3,7 | 10 |
| MERA25 European Realistic Disobedience Front | No affiliation in the EP | 3.44 | 9 |
| | | 100% | 300 |
| Turnout: 57.91% | | | |
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<u>3. Officeholders</u>



1st VP and Chairperson of the Committee on European Affairs



Mr Nikitas Kaklamanis (ND/EPP), since 18 July 2019

Secretary General of the Hellenic Parliament: Mr. Georgios MYLONAKIS

4. Relations with Members of the European Parliament

| Participation rights for Greek MEPs in | No |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| plenary sittings | |
| Participation rights for Greek MEPs in | Partially (Greek MEPs have the right to attend |
| committee meetings | the deliberations of the European Affairs |
| | Committee but not to vote) |
| Availability of videoconferencing system in | Yes |
| Hellenic Parliament | |

5. Information links

- Official website: <u>http://www.hellenicparliament.gr/</u>
- <u>Rules of procedure (Greek only)</u>
- <u>List of committees</u>
- European Parliament Information Office in Athens

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