

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

(further info : [http://www2.assemblee-nationale.fr/instances/liste/groupe\\_politiques/effectif](http://www2.assemblee-nationale.fr/instances/liste/groupe_politiques/effectif))

### 3. Officeholders

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

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

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