



# No Modern European Democracy Without Gender Equality

## European Women's Lobby 50/50 Campaign FACT SHEET 1: WOMEN IN POLITICAL DECISION-MAKING IN NUMBERS

**Table 1: European Parliament: women elected by Member State**

Member State	Seats	Women	Women %	Member State	Seats	Women	Women %
1. Sweden	19	11	<b>57,90%</b>	15. Romania	35	11	<b>31,40%</b>
2. Luxembourg	6	3	<b>50%</b>	16. Germany	99	31	<b>31,30%</b>
3. Netherlands	27	12	<b>44,40%</b>	17. Greece	24	7	<b>29,20%</b>
4. Slovenia	7	3	<b>42,90%</b>	18. Belgium	24	7	<b>29,20%</b>
5. France	78	33	<b>42,30%</b>	19. Bulgaria	18	5	<b>27,70%</b>
6. Austria	18	7	<b>38,90%</b>	20. Portugal	24	6	<b>25%</b>
7. Lithuania	13	5	<b>38,50%</b>	21. UK	78	19	<b>24,40%</b>
8. Ireland	13	5	<b>38,50%</b>	22. Latvia	9	2	<b>22,20%</b>
9. Hungary	24	9	<b>37,50%</b>	23. Czech Rep.	24	5	<b>20,80%</b>
10. Slovakia	14	5	<b>35,70%</b>	24. Italy	78	15	<b>19,20%</b>
11. Finland	14	5	<b>35,70%</b>	25. Poland	54	7	<b>13%</b>
12. Denmark	14	5	<b>35,70%</b>	26. Cyprus	6	0	<b>0%</b>
13. Estonia	6	2	<b>33,30%</b>	27. Malta	5	0	<b>0%</b>
14. Spain	54	18	<b>33,30%</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>30,3</b>

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union, situation as of January 2007

**Table 2: Women in the European Parliament by political group<sup>1</sup>**

Political group	Seats	Seats %	Women	Women %	Woman as chair
Group of the European People's Party (Christian democrats) and European Democrats (EPP-ED)	286	36,71%	68	<b>23,78%</b>	
Socialist Group in the European Parliament (PSE)	213	27,34%	87	<b>40,85%</b>	
Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)	101	12,97%	41	<b>40,59%</b>	
Union for Europe of the Nations Group (UEN)	44	5,65%	5	<b>11,36%</b>	
Group of the Greens/ European Free Alliance (V/ALE)	42	5,39%	20	<b>47,62%</b>	Yes
Confederal Group of the European United Left / Nordic Green Left (GUE/NGL)	41	5,26%	13	<b>31,71%</b>	
Independence/Democracy Group (ID)	23	2,95%	4	<b>17,39%</b>	Yes
Not Affiliated	29	3,72%	4	<b>13,79%</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>31,07%</b>	

Source: European Parliament, situation as of May 2008

<sup>1</sup> As the EP statistics are not up to date due to changes in MEPs and some MEPs are missing from the second table, the figures in table 1 and 2 are not exactly the same.

**Table 3: Women in single or lower houses of national parliaments in EU member states and accession countries**

Country	Elected	Seats	Women	Women %	Country	Elected	Seats	Women	Women %
1. Sweden	09 2006	349	164	<b>46,99%</b>	16. Poland	10 2007	460	93	<b>20,22%</b>
2. Finland	03 2007	200	83	<b>41,50%</b>	17. Latvia	10 2006	100	20	<b>20,00%</b>
3. Netherlands	11 2006	150	59	<b>39,33%</b>	18. UK	05 2005	646	126	<b>19,50%</b>
4. Denmark	11 2007	179	68	<b>37,99%</b>	19. Slovakia	06 2006	150	29	<b>19,33%</b>
5. Spain	03 2008	350	127	<b>36,29%</b>	20. France	06 2007	577	105	<b>18,20%</b>
6. Belgium	06 2007	150	53	<b>35,33%</b>	21. Italy	04 2008	629	133	<b>21,14%</b>
7. Austria	10 2006	183	60	<b>32,79%</b>	22. Czech Rep.	06 2006	200	31	<b>15,50%</b>
8. Germany	09 2005	613	194	<b>31,65%</b>	23. Greece	09 2007	300	44	<b>14,67%</b>
9. <i>Macedonia</i>	07 2006	120	35	<b>29,17%</b>	24. Cyprus	05 2006	56	8	<b>14,29%</b>
10. Portugal	02 2005	230	65	<b>28,26%</b>	25. Ireland	05 2007	166	22	<b>13,25%</b>
11. Luxembourg	06 2004	60	14	<b>23,33%</b>	26. Slovenia	10 2004	90	11	<b>12,22%</b>
12. Lithuania	10 2004	141	32	<b>22,70%</b>	27. Hungary	04 2006	386	43	<b>11,14%</b>
13. Bulgaria	06 2005	240	52	<b>21,67%</b>	28. Romania	11 2004	330	31	<b>9,39%</b>
14. <i>Croatia</i>	11 2007	153	32	<b>20,92%</b>	29. Malta	03 2008	69	6	<b>8,70%</b>
15. Estonia	03 2007	101	21	<b>20,79%</b>	30. <i>Turkey</i>	07 2007	549	50	<b>9,11%</b>
<b>Total:</b>									<b>22,85%</b>

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union, situation as of 11 July 2008