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**Election report -
European Parliament
in a Czech context**

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Key outcomes

Prime Minister Babiš's movement winning once again, debacle for the leftist parties

The Czech Republic sends a total of 21 MEPs to the European Parliament. The winner in a **record-breaking Czech turnout (28,72 %)** has been well predicted – Andrej Babiš's **ANO movement with 21,2 % and 6 MEPs**.

- **7 parties in total** have won at least one seat, but interestingly enough, almost all of them are right-wing or center-right parties.
- There are **10 returning MEPs and 11 „newbies“**
- **3 current members of the Czech Parliament were elected** and curiously enough, also a formed deputy Prime Minister for Civic Democrats Alexandr Vondra.
- **Civic Democrats** were able to secure 4 seats, confirming the status of the party as main challengers of Andrej Babiš
- **Czech Pirates came 3rd** and will be sending 3 MEPs to navigate through the Brussels sea, closely followed by Mayors and Independents also with 3 (returning) MEPs
- Czech voters also chose **2 representatives of SPD - Tomio Okamura**, far right populists and nationalist party
- Same number of seats went to **Cristian Democrats**
- **Social Democracy**, despite being a government party with a visible social agenda, failed miserably and **did not wing a single seat**.
- Czech Communist Party did just a little better **as Kateřina Konečná will be the only returning „comrade“**.

Czech elections did not fully copy the trend of other European countries. Populist and nationalist parties did not succeed. Despite ANO often being painted as such, movement's European policy is more positive. Although ANO's MEPs are also expected to defend the Prime Minister against his EU funds misuse accusation.

New 21 Czech MPS – Who are they?



ANO

ALDE (possible switch)



Dita Charanzová
Czech MEP



Martina Dlabajová
Czech MEP



Martin Hlaváček
Former mayor for Pirates,
Focused on Energy & Environment issues



Radka Maxová
Czech MP for ANO



Ondřej Knotek
Former Deputy Minister on the
Czech Ministry of Agriculture,
Philip Morris



Ondřej Kovařík
Former Head of ANO
Delegation to the EP

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Civic Democrats (ODS)

ECR



Jan Zahradil

Czech MEP



Alexandr Vondra

Former Deputy Prime Minister
and Minister of Defense



Evžen Tošenovský

Czech MEP



Veronika Vrecionová

Czech MP

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Pirates

Might join Greens/ALDE/other



Marcel Kolaja
IT professional



Markéta Gregorová
Chair of the
European Pirate Party



Mikuláš Peksa
Czech MP



Mayors, Independents, TOP09

EPP



Luděk Niedermayer
Czech MEP



Jiří Pospíšil
Czech MEP



Stanislav Polčák
Czech MEP

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SPD – Tomio Okamura – Might join EFDD



Ivan David

Former Czech Minister of Health



Hynek Blaško

Retired Czech general

Cristian Democrats - EPP



Tomáš Zdechovský

Czech MEP



Michaela Šojdrová

Czech MEP

Czech Communist Party – GUE/NGL



Kateřina Konečná

Czech MEP

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