

Press Release

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Municipal and European Parliament elections of 26 May 2019 European Union (EU) voters

EU citizens may vote in municipal and European Parliament elections in Spain if they express their intent to do so.

The deadline to express your intent to vote in Spain ends on 30 January 2019.

The Electoral Census Office will send a notice to 575,072 EU citizens to facilitate this process

Citizens of the European Union (EU) resident in Spain aged 18 or over on 26 May 2019 may vote in the municipal and European Parliament elections on that date. **To vote in these elections, EU citizens must have previously expressed their intent to exercise this right**, a process that it has been possible to carry out in the city councils continuously since 2006.

Those registered in the electoral roll after having expressed their intent to vote in Spain maintain their voter status without the need to make a new declaration, until they request their removal or cease to reside in Spain. There are currently 407,784 EU votes for the municipal elections and 324,259 for the European Parliament elections.

Voters in the European Parliament elections registered in Spain may not exercise the right to vote in the Sate of their nationality.

Although the United Kingdom has expressed its intent to leave the EU on 30 March 2019, as a precautionary measure the Electoral Census Office (ECO) has not excluded its citizens from the electoral roll for the municipal elections, as well as for the European Parliament elections. However, their inclusion will cease to have effect if the United Kingdom leaves the EU.

Procedures for expressing the intent to vote

EU citizens who wish to vote, are registered in the electoral roll and have not previously expressed their intent to exercise the right to vote must do so, selecting whether it is for the municipal elections, European Parliament elections or both.

Generally the expression of intent can be carried out by contacting the city councils where you are registered.

Furthermore, to facilitate this process, the ECO will send a postal communication to 575,072 registered citizens not contacted in previous elections and who have not expressed their intent.

These citizens must complete and sign the formal declaration, contained in the communication, and send it to the corresponding Provincial Delegation of the ECO. In addition, those that have

a Foreigner National Identity (NIE) number can express their intent to vote online, by accessing the Electronic Headquarters of the National Statistics Institute: <u>https://sede.ine.gob.es</u>

In turn, those residing in Spain who are not registered to the municipal Padrón should contact their City Council to register themselves and express their intent using the form available from the City Council.

The deadline to express your intent to vote in the upcoming municipal and European Parliament elections is 30 January 2019.

Information can be requested from the City Councils, the provincial delegations of the ECO and by telephone at **+34 901 101 900**.

Voters and communications to be sent by the provinces

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The provinces with the greatest number of EU voters for the municipal elections are Alicante/Alacant (60,144), Madrid (54,975) and Málaga (34,216).

Similarly the provinces with the greatest number of voters for the European Parliament elections are Alicante/Alacant (47,810), Madrid (43,579) and Málaga (27,229).

In turn, the provinces with the greatest number of communications to be sent are Barcelona (79,875), Madrid (72,522) and Alicante/Alacant (57,713).

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Voters in municipal elections, European Parliament elections and number of communications to be send, by province

Province	Voters in municipal elections	Voters in European Parliament elections	Communications to be sent
Albacete	1,307	781	2,657
Alicante/Alacant	60,144	47,810	57,713
Almería	13,111	10,254	16,665
Araba/Álava	1,452	1,316	634
Asturias	2,211	1,734	4,375
Ávila	641	424	1,038
Badajoz	1,228	925	3,483
Balears, Illes	21,155	16,609	35,853
Barcelona	30,605	26,102	79,875
Bizkaia	2,523	1,869	4,924
Burgos	1,757	1,157	3,469
Cáceres	913	656	1,267
Cádiz	4,522	3,699	6,852
Cantabria	3,480	3,021	2,352
Castellón/Castelló	11,136	8,305	12,406
Ciudad Real	1,885	1,205	4,241
Córdoba	3,947	3,726	1,795
Coruña, A	1,941	1,469	4,253
Cuenca	2,336	1,638	3,347
Gipuzkoa	1,751	1.368	4,542
Girona	12,663	11,188	10,436
Granada	6,440	4,652	7,737
Guadalajara	3,294	2,097	3,052
Huelva	6,280	5,082	8,866
Huesca	2,641	2,120	2,867
Jaén	780	624	1,362
León	1,867	1,441	1,948
Lleida	3,363	2,153	9,384
Lugo	1,099	923	1,740
Madrid	54,975	43,579	72,522
Málaga	34,216	27,229	39,967
Murcia	13,947	11,836	10,494
Navarra	2,564	1,686	5,978
Ourense	2,264	1,914	2,075
Palencia	344	233	537
Palmas, Las	13,724	11,667	28,134
Pontevedra	3,042	2,589	4,208
Rioja, La	2,518	1,807	3,535
Salamanca	910	567	1,549
Santa Cruz de Tenerife	27,421	24,816	24,812
Segovia	1,573	1,078	1,836
Sevilla	3,666	2,856	7,312
Soria	822	626	689
Tarragona	7,614	5,659	11,562
Teruel	1,077	690	1,515
Toledo	4,190	2,507	6,216
Valencia/València	17,280	12,446	36,623
Valladolid	1,487	1,061	3,190
Zamora	681	452	840
Zaragoza	6,891	4,539	11,812
Ceuta		15	177
Melilla	81	59	356

Voters and communications to be sent by country of nationality

The nationalities with the greatest number of voters in the municipal elections are Romania (105,179), United Kingdom (90,193) and Italy (48,042).

These nationalities are repeated for the European Parliament elections: Romania (77.534), United Kingdom (72.794) and Italy (41.387).

In turn, the nationalities with the greatest number of communications to be sent are Romania (167,394), Italy (95,974) and United Kingdom (83,476).

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Province	Voters in	Voters in	Communications
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	municipal elections	European	be sent
		Parliament elections	
Total	407,784	324,259	575,072
Germany	40,382	32,046	34,869
Austria	2,022	1,624	2,635
Belgium	9,762	8,317	12,117
Bulgaria	19,539	13,233	29,662
Cyprus	29	24	255
Croatia	191	157	1,421
Denmark	2,784	2,249	3,381
Slovenia	213	185	800
Estonia	314	298	1,195
Finland	2,309	1,564	4,248
France	30,784	24,960	40,861
Greece	867	717	2,404
Hungary	1,191	1,101	4,411
Ireland	4,001	3,379	6,193
Italy	48,042	41,387	95,974
Latvia	652	625	1,774
Lithuania	2,001	1,977	4,864
Luxembourg	162	115	242
Malta	41	40	140
Netherlands	13,793	11,624	16,612
Poland	7,958	7,675	14,781
Portugal	18,749	15,267	32,593
The United Kingdom	90,193	72,798	83,476
Czech Republic	1,103	1,044	2,665
Slovak Republic	924	876	2,051
Romania	105,179	77,534	167,394
Sweden	4,599	3,443	8,054

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