

THE FRENCH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FACTSHEET

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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! + Movement Démocrate) in the wake of the election of Emmanuel Macron as President of the Republic. Next elections in June 2022.

2. COMPOSITION

Party	EP affiliation	Seats
La République en Marche! (governemnt coalition)	renew europe.	269
Les Républicains	epp	104
Mouvement démocrate (et apparentés) (governemnt coalition)	renew europe.	58
Socialistes et apparentés	S&D	29
UDI et indépendants	renew europe.	18
Libertés et Territoires		18
AGIR Ensemble	renew europe.	21
La France Insoumise	THE LEFT: Partei der Linken	17
Gauche démocrate et républicaine	THE LEFT: Partei der Linken	16
Non inscrits		23
Sièges vacants ou non pourvus		4
TOTAL		577

The next elections will take place in June 2022.

3. OFFICEHOLDERS

President of the National Assembly



Mr Richard Ferrand (La République en Marche),
since 12 September 2018

Chairperson of the EU affairs committee



Mme. Sabine Thillaye
(Mouvement démocrate (et apparentés))
since 5 July 2017

Secretary-General of the National Assembly: Mr Michel Moreau

4. RELATIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Participation rights for French MEPs in plenary sittings No

Participation rights for French MEPs in committee meetings No (with the exception of the EU affairs Committee meetings, in which French MEPs are invited)

Availability of videoconferencing system in French Assembly 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 France](#)

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