

# FACTSHEET

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF CYPRUS

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### 1. AT A GLANCE

Cyprus has a presidential system of government where the President is elected directly by the citizens every five years. At the same time, the Cypriot Parliament - referred to as the House of Representatives - is elected in separate elections, also held every five years (but in different years).

The House of Representatives is composed of 56 Members coming from the Greek Cypriot community. Another 24 seats are reserved for Members coming from the Turkish Cypriot community but, due to the political situation on the island, are currently vacant. In addition, there are three observer members representing the Armenian, Latin and Maronite minorities. Voting for national parliamentary elections is compulsory.

The main functions of the Parliament are to vote on legislation (which can be introduced by Government ministers, individual Members or political groups in the Parliament) and on the budget, as well as to exercise control over the activities of the Government.

### 2. COMPOSITION

Results of the elections of 30 May 2021				
	Party	EP affiliation	%	Seats
	<b>Dimokratikos Synagermos (DISY)</b> Democratic Rally		27.77	17
	<b>Anorthotiko Komma Ergazomenou Laou (AKEL)</b> Progressive Party of Working People		22.34	15
	<b>Dimokratiko Komma (DIKO)</b> Democratic Party		11.29	9
	<b>Ethniko Laiko Metopo (ELAM)</b> National Popular Front		6.78	4
	<b>EDEK - Kinima Sosialdimocraton</b> EDEK - Social-democratic Movement		6.72	4
	<b>Dimokratiki Parataxi (DIPA)</b> Democratic Front		6.10	4
	<b>Kinima Oikologon - Synergasia Politon (KOSP)</b> Movement of Ecologists - Citizens' Cooperation		4.41	3
	<b>Others</b>		14.59	0
			<b>100%</b>	<b>56</b>
Turnout: 65.72%.				
The next elections will take place in May 2026.				

### 3. OFFICEHOLDERS

President of the House of Representatives



Ms Annita DEMETRIOU  
(Democratic Rally - DISY)  
since 10 June 2021

Chair of Standing Committee on Foreign and European Affairs



Mr Harris GEORGIADIS  
(Democratic Rally - DISY)  
since June 2021

Secretary-General of the House of Representatives: Ms Tassoula IERONYMIDES

### 4. RELATIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Participation rights for Cypriot MEPs in plenary sittings No

Participation rights for Cypriot MEPs in committee meetings No

Availability of videoconferencing system in Cyprus House of Representatives Yes

### 5. INFORMATION LINKS

- Official website: <http://www.parliament.cy/>
- [Rules of procedure \(Greek only\)](#)
- [List of committees](#)
- [European Parliament Information Office in Nicosia](#)
- [Search legislation \(europa.eu\)](#)

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