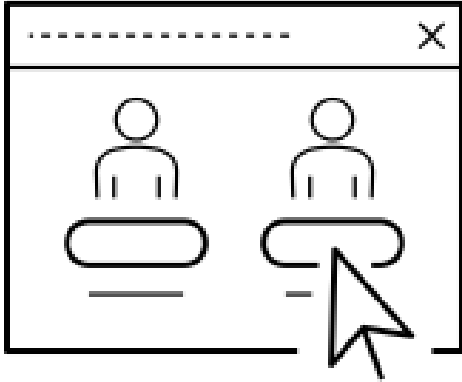


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1101: Who should I vote for?



This unit explores the importance of **democratic engagement**.

Once you reach the age where you can vote in elections, your agency as a citizen increases and you will be able to be part of the democratic process.

How is data used in this context?

How will you be voting?

Do you know how the democratic system works in your country?

Voting information is kept private of course, and in some countries is carried out digitally rather than using a paper ballot slip using machines.

Some countries use **proportional representation** (PR):

<https://www.electoral-reform.org.uk/which-european-countries-use-proportional-representation/>

Some European countries have coalition governments rather than being led by just one political party.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_European_Union_member_states_by_political_system

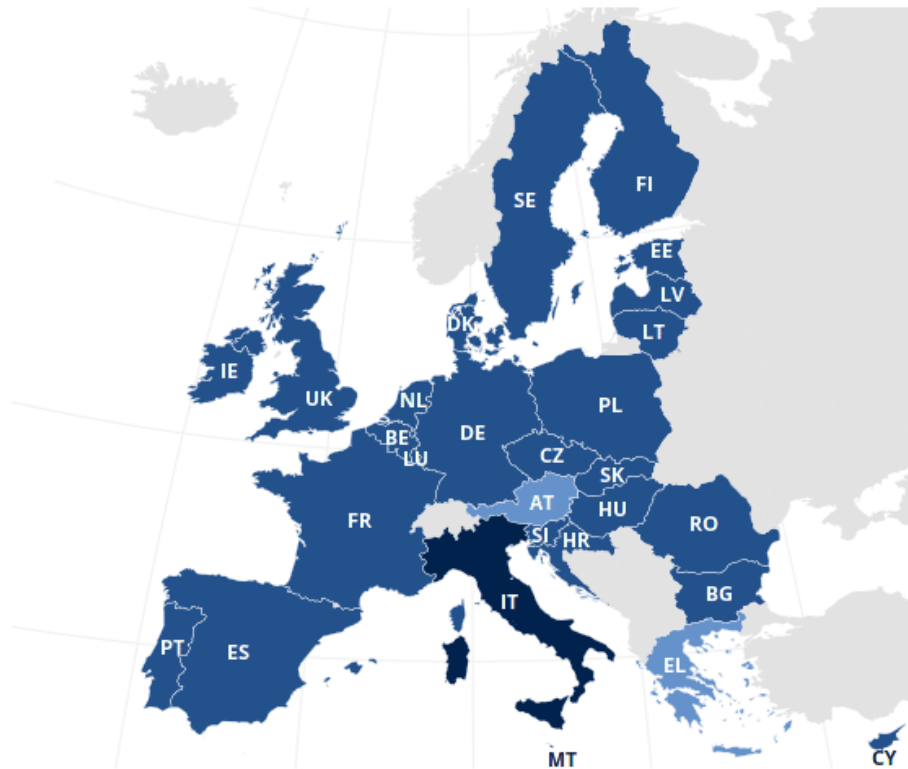
There are also variations in voter turnout at EU elections:

E.g. 2014

<https://www.datastory.org/sv/blog/eu-voter-turnout-map>

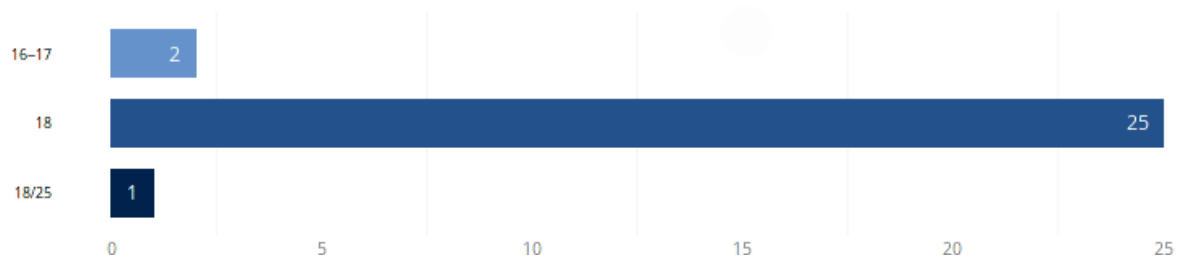
How old do you have to be to vote in your country?

Age at which children have the right to vote at national elections



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| Year : 2017
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Source:

http://fra.europa.eu/en/publications-and-resources/data-and-maps/minag/group03/MINAG_PP01/MAP

Activity 25

Investigate voting patterns at the most recent elections in your home country.

What are your particular interests and how do they connect with the manifestos of the different political parties?

What are their policies on the issues that matter to you, which might include:

- Education
- The Environment
- Climate Emergency
- Support for young people entering the jobs market
- Pensions and wages

Tools List


Tool to use	URL / location	How would you use it?
D-Cent	https://dcentproject.eu/	A Europe-wide project developing the next generation of open source, distributed, and privacy-aware tools for direct democracy and economic empowerment.
Eurostat - FRA	https://fra.europa.eu/en	European Union agency on fundamental rights
Evalue 	https://www.atlasofeuropEANvalues.eu/	Atlas of European Values - comes with some additional teaching materials, and produced by an ERASMUS+ project

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