



## European Elections 2009

### How can you "Use Your Vote"?



#### **I'm a Greek citizen living in Ireland. Can I participate in the 2009 European Elections?**

Yes, you can participate in the European Elections 2009. You have two options:

- You can vote in the European Elections in Ireland (see below)
- or**
- You can vote in the European Elections in Greece (see next page)

Please be aware that you can only choose **one** of the above options.

#### **How can I participate in the European Elections in Ireland?**

You can participate in the European Elections 2009 in Ireland, if

- You are citizen of an EU Member State,
- Were 18 years or older on the day of the Elections,
- Have been resident in Ireland since before 1 September 2008 and
- Are enrolled on the voting register the "Irish Register of Electors".

If you have registered in Ireland previously you can check if you are registered to vote in the European Elections at the offices of the registration authority and at public libraries, post offices and Garda stations(during working hours). You can also check the register online at [www.checktheregister.ie](http://www.checktheregister.ie).

If you are not already included in the Register for Electors, you can apply for entry into the supplement to the register. To do so you have to fill in an application form (RFA2), which you can obtain from you City/County Council or download from the "check the register" website (<http://www.checktheregister.ie/Portals/128/RFA2%20English%20-%20form.pdf>)

As an EU citizen you also have to fill in a form for registration as a European Elector (Form EP1) which you can obtain from your City/County Council or download from the following website: [http://www.dlrcoco.ie/gp/European\\_Elector\\_Form.pdf](http://www.dlrcoco.ie/gp/European_Elector_Form.pdf)

Your application form (RFA2) must be witnessed by a member of the Garda Síochána or, if you cannot go to your local Garda station, by an official of your local county or city council provided you state the reason why you were unable to attend a Garda Station.

Your application for entry in the supplement has to be received by your responsible registration authority at least 15 working days before polling day in order to be considered for the European Elections. Therefore your application has to be received by **18 May 2009**.



**Be aware:**  
**You can only vote in one country**  
**Ireland OR Greece**



## **You can vote in the European Elections in Greece...**

If

- You are a Greek citizen,
- Aged 18 years or older on the day of the Elections,
- Are in full possession of your voting rights in Greece and
- Are registered with the Greek Embassy.

### **How can I check if I'm registered in the voting register and how can I enrol? Is there a deadline for registration?**

In order to participate in the European Elections in Greece, you have to register with the Greek Embassy in Ireland. The deadline for submitting such statements runs from **15/12/2008 until 31/03/2009**. You can find the necessary form on the website of the Ministry of Interior ([www.ypes.gr](http://www.ypes.gr)). For questions on registration please get in contact with the Greek Embassy.

### **How can I vote in the European Elections in Greece?**

If you are registered with the Greek Embassy to vote in the European Election in the Embassy, you can vote in your Greek Embassy on the day of the Election in Greece (7 June).

### **Where can you find more information?**

You can find more information on the website of the Greek Ministry of Interior (<http://www.ypes.gr>) or you can get in contact with the Greek Embassy in Ireland:

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