



European Elections 2009

How can you "Use Your Vote"?



I'm a Slovenian 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 Slovenia (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.

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

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 Slovenia



You can vote in the European Elections in Slovenia...

If

- You are an Slovenian citizen,
- Aged 18 years or older on the day of the Elections,
- Are in full possession of your voting rights in Slovenia and
- Are registered in the Slovenian Electoral register.

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

If you are a Slovenian citizen living in Ireland with or without permanent residence in Ireland and with the right to vote, you are automatically enrolled in a register of electors in Slovenia, unless you have been enrolled in the register of electors in another country at your own request.

How can I vote in the European Elections in Slovenia?

If you are living abroad you can choose if you want to vote by post or vote in the Embassy. To vote in the Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia, please contact the Embassy for further details on voting in the Embassy.

If you want to vote by post, you have to apply 30 days before the Elections (**8 May**) with the competent authority. You can find more information on voting by post on the website of the DRŽAVNA VOLILNA KOMISIJA (www.dvk.gov.si).

Where can you find more information?

You can find more information on the website of the Slovenian Ministry of the Interior (www.mnz.gov.si), on the website of the DRŽAVNA VOLILNA KOMISIJA (www.dvk.gov.si) or you can get in contact with the Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia in Ireland:

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