

How to vote

This is how you vote in the election to the European Parliament.

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Can you vote?

If you are a citizen of Sweden and have ever been entered in the Swedish population register, you are eligible to vote. You are also eligible if you are a citizen of an EU Member State, entered in the Swedish population register and registered to vote. You must be 18 or older on election day.

Voting card

If you are eligible to vote, you will receive a voting card by post approximately three weeks before the election. The card will contain the name, address and hours of your polling place. It will also contain information about various early voting places. If your card does not arrive, you may order a new one from your municipality or the Election Authority.



Ballots

All voting places, as well as the individual political parties, have ballots for you to use.

Voting for a party

Essentially you are voting for a particular party. The name of the party is on the ballot you choose. If you can't find a ballot for the party you want to vote for, you can write its name on a blank ballot. Make sure to write as legibly as possible.

Voting for a candidate

You can place a cross in the box in front of a particular candidate whom you prefer. You may not choose more than one candidate. You can also write the name of the party and candidate on a blank ballot.

Polling and early voting places

Voting at your polling place on election day, 26 May

You may vote only at the particular polling place that appears on your voting card. The polling place is open only on election day. Your name will be checked off the list and your ballot placed in the box.

Voting early in your municipality or somewhere else

You can vote early at any designated place in the country. Early voting starts approximately three weeks before election day. Contact your municipality or go to www.val.se for information about early voting places.

Bring your voting card when you vote early.



Voting from abroad

If you are abroad, you can vote by post or at many Swedish embassies and consulates. Voting by post requires a special packet that you can order from the Election Authority, your municipality, embassy or consulate.

Voting assistance

Proxy

If you are unable to go to a voting place due to illness, disability or age, you may vote by proxy. You may also vote by proxy if you are in detention or an inmate at a correctional facility. Voting by proxy requires a special packet that you can order from the Election Authority or your municipality.

The following individuals may serve as proxies:

- your spouse or partner
- a child, grandchild, parent or sibling of your spouse or partner
- a caregiver or personal assistant
- a staff member at a detention centre or correctional facility

Your proxy must be 18 or older and show a valid ID.

Travelling proxies

If you do not know anyone who can serve as a proxy, you may ask your municipality to send one to your home. Contact your municipality for additional information.

Verifying your identity

You must verify your identity in order to vote. Unless you are known at the voting place, you will have to show a driving licence, passport or other ID. Another person with an ID can verify your identity instead.

Calendar for election to the European Parliament 2019

11 April	Earliest possible date to post a ballot from abroad.
26 April	Your eligibility to vote is determined on the basis of data in the Swedish Tax Agency population register.
2 May	Earliest possible date to vote at a Swedish embassy or consulate abroad.
8 May	Early voting starts in Sweden.
26 May	Election day.