

## ELECTION ACTIVITIES AND DATES – EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS 2009

not later than 6 March 2009	at least three months before the election day	The President of the Republic calls the elections.
not later than 14 March 2009	not later than on the 85 <sup>th</sup> day before the election day	Foreign representation sends polling cards to the voters whose address is known.
not later than 29 March 2009	not later than on the 70 <sup>th</sup> day before the election day	The Ministry of Internal Affairs organises the preparation of notifications and sending them to the citizens of the European Union who have the right to participate in the voting.
not later than 29 March 2009	not later than on the 70 <sup>th</sup> day before the election day	The Minister of Justice sends a list of political parties to the National Electoral Committee.
8 April 2009	on the 60 <sup>th</sup> day before the election day	<i>The nomination of candidates for registration begins. Before the nomination of candidates a political party or an independent candidate deposits security to the account of the National Electoral Committee.</i>
not later than 18 April 2009	not later than on the 50 <sup>th</sup> day before the election day	If necessary, a rural municipality or city government adopts a regulation on changing the polling divisions.
23 April 2009	on the 45 <sup>th</sup> day before the election day	The nomination of candidates for registration ends (at 6 p.m.).
not later than 23 April 2009	not later than on the 45 <sup>th</sup> day before the election day	A political party taking part in the elections can put forward one member candidate for a division committee to the rural municipality or city secretary.
not later than 25 April 2009	within two days after the last day of the nomination of candidates for registration	The Minister of Justice sends the lists of the members of political parties as of 23 April 2009 to the National Electoral Committee.
not later than 25 April 2009	not later than on the 43 <sup>rd</sup> day before the election day	Correction of errors in the candidates' documents ends (at 6 p.m.).
not later than 28 April 2009	not later than on the 40 <sup>th</sup> day before the election day	The National Electoral Committee registers the candidates submitted for registration as required.
beginning from	beginning from the last	The beginning of the time of active election campaigning,

28 April 2009	day of the registration of candidates	during which any political outdoor advertising is prohibited.
1 May 2009 at the latest, if the candidates are registered on 28 April 2008	within three days after the registration of candidates	A candidate may decline to stand as a candidate by submitting an application.
not later than 8 May 2009	not later than on the 30 <sup>th</sup> day before the election day	Citizen of the European Union who has the right to participate in the voting and who wishes to exercise that right should submit a request to be entered in the list of voters to the Ministry of Interior Affairs.
not later than 8 May 2009	not later than on the 30 <sup>th</sup> day before the election day	Foreign representation should have received applications to vote by post. At the first opportunity the representation sends election documents to the voter.
8 May 2009	on the 30 <sup>th</sup> day before the election day	The Ministry of Interior Affairs prepares the polling lists. Any changes made to the residential address less than thirty days before election day shall not be taken into account.
not later than 18 May 2009	not later than on the 20 <sup>th</sup> day before the election day	The Ministry of Interior Affairs organises the preparation of polling cards and sending them to the voters.
not later than 18 May 2009	not later than on the 20 <sup>th</sup> day before the election day	Rural municipality or city councils appoint by a resolution the chairman and eight members of division committees.
23 May 2009	beginning from the 15 <sup>th</sup> day before the election day	The voters who have not received polling cards by 15 days before the elections or whose polling card contains incorrect information may file an application with the rural municipality or city secretary.
23 to 28 May 2009	from the 15 <sup>th</sup> to the 10 <sup>th</sup> day before the election day	Voting is organised at foreign representations on at least two days.
not later than 27 May 2009	not later than on the 11 <sup>th</sup> day before the election day	The National Electoral Committee may revoke a resolution on the registration of a candidate or register persons who were not registered.
not later than 27 May 2009	not later than on the 11 <sup>th</sup> day before the election day	The Ministry of Internal Affairs organises the forwarding of electronic polling list to the National Electoral Committee.
28 May to 3 June 2009	from the 10 <sup>th</sup> to the 4 <sup>th</sup> day before the election day	Electronic voting begins on 28 May at 9 a.m. and lasts round the clock until the end of voting on 3 June at 8 p.m.
25 to 31 May 2009	not later than during the week before the start of advance polls	County electoral committee makes public the information about the polling divisions in the county.
not later than 31 May 2009	not later than before voting opens	Rural municipality or city government makes public the information about the polling divisions in the rural municipality or city.
not later than 31 May 2009	not later than by the 7 <sup>th</sup> day before the election day	The Ministry of Internal Affairs organises the delivery of polling lists to the division committees.
1 to 3 June 2009	from the 6 <sup>th</sup> to the 4 <sup>th</sup> day before the election day	Advance polls are held in all polling divisions from 22 p.m. till 8 p.m. Voting outside the polling division of the voter's residence, including at the location of the voter and the

		custodial institution, takes place.
not later than 03 June 2009	not later than on the 4 <sup>th</sup> day before the election day	Deadline for the delivery of ballot papers from foreign representations and ships to the National Electoral Committee.
not later than 05 June 2009	not later than on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> day before the election day	The envelopes with ballot papers are forwarded to the county electoral committees.
not later than 06.06. 2009	not later than on the day before election day	The envelopes with ballot papers are forwarded to division committees.
<b>7 June 2009</b>	election day	Voting takes place from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Home voting is also held. The counting of votes begins after the end of the voting in Estonia. The results of voting shall not be disclosed before the end of voting in all member states of the European Union.
not later than 27 June 2009	not later than on the 20 <sup>th</sup> day after the election day	The National Electoral Committee registers the elected members of the European Parliament.
not later than 7 July 2009, if the elected members of the European Parliament are registered on 27 June 2009	within ten days from the date of the announcement of the election results	The elected candidate who at the time of the announcement of the results of the elections is holding an office mentioned in subsections 2, 4, 5, 7 or 8 of Art. 75 of the European Parliament Election Act must inform the National Electoral Committee whether he/she is willing to participate in the work of the European Parliament or whether he/she wishes to continue in his/her present office and to yield the mandate. The elected Member of the Riigikogu and Minister is considered to have submitted a letter of resignation, if he/she does not inform the National Electoral Committee within ten days of the announcement of the results of the elections of his/her wish to continue in his/her present office and yield the mandate of the Member of the European Parliament.
not later than 7 July 2009	within one month after election day	Political parties and independent candidates submit to the Select Committee of the Riigikogu for the Application of Anti-corruption Act within one month after election day a report on the expenditure relating to their election campaign and the sources of the funds used. The Committee of the Riigikogu publishes these reports.