

## Information Guide



## Elections in Europe 2016

**A guide to information sources on elections that took place in European countries in 2016, with hyperlinks to further sources of information within European Sources Online and on external websites**

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## Introduction

This guide offers access to information on national elections that have taken place in European countries during 2016. In addition, a number of regional / local elections and referendums are also highlighted when there has been some significance beyond the area of the immediate country.

In the majority of cases the hyperlink below takes you to a 'key source' record in ESO from which you can find background information and analysis for each election, plus a hyperlink to further information in ESO on that election or referendum in the form of news reporting, analysis and commentary.

Standard sources used for election information in the key source record include:

- [Wikipedia](#)
- [IFES Election Guide](#)
- [Robert Schuman Foundation: European Elections Monitor](#)
- [OSCE: Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights: Elections](#)
- National official institutions providing electoral information where appropriate
- Major news and commentary sources which offer a 'tag' to all material on an election

As is standard with ESO the majority of links offer access to information in English.

The term 'General Election' is used to describe elections at a national level to a legislative body.

### Austria



- [Presidential Election, 24 April 2016](#) (First Round)
- [Presidential Election, 22 May 2016](#) (Second Round)
- [Presidential Election, 2 October 2016](#) (Re-run)

### Belarus



- [Parliamentary Election, 11 September 2016](#)

### Bulgaria



- [Presidential Election, 6 November and 13 November 2016](#)
- [Referendum, 6 November 2016](#) [Three provisions
  - -Majoritarian System for electing members of parliaments
  - -Introduction of compulsory voting
  - -Reduction of state subsidy for political parties and coalitions]

### Croatia



- [Parliamentary Election, 11 September 2016](#)

### Cyprus



- [General Election, 22 May 2016](#)

## Estonia

- [Presidential Election, 30 September 2016](#)



## Georgia

- [General Election, 8 and 30 October 2016](#)



## Germany

- [Regional Election, Baden-Württemberg, Rhineland-Palatinate, Saxony-Anhalt, 13 March 2016](#)
- [Regional Election, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, 4 September 2016](#)
- [Regional Election, Berlin, 18 September 2016](#)
- [Regional Election in Germany, 2016](#)



## Hungary

- [Referendum, 02 October 2016](#) [Migrant quotas]



## Iceland

- [Presidential Election, 26 June 2016](#)
- [Parliamentary Election, 29 October 2016](#)



## Ireland

- [General Election, 26 February 2016](#)



## Italy

- [Referendum, 17 April 2016](#) [time limitations on drilling licenses]
- [Referendum, 4 December 2016](#) [Constitutional reform]



## Lithuania

- [Parliamentary Election, 9 October 2016](#)



## Macedonia

- [Parliamentary Election, 11 December 2016](#)



## Moldova

- [Presidential Election, 30 October and 13 November 2016](#)



## Montenegro

- [General Election, 16 October 2016](#)



## Netherlands

- [Referendum, 06 April 2016](#), [Dutch adoption of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement]



## Portugal

- [Presidential Election, 24 January 2016](#)



## Romania

- [Local Elections, 5 June 2016](#)
- [Parliamentary Election, 11 December 2016](#)



## Russia

- [General Election, 18 September 2016](#)



## Serbia

- [General Election, 24 April 2016](#)



## Slovakia

- [Parliamentary Election, 5 March 2016](#)



## Spain

- [General Election, 26 June 2016](#)
- [Basque and Galicia parliamentary elections, 25 September 2016](#)



## Switzerland

- [Referendum, 2 February 2016](#) [Four provisions :
  - -Taxation for married and unmarried couples
  - -Deportation of foreign criminals
  - -Speculation in the trade of food commodities
  - -Federal laws on road transit]
- [Referendum, 5 June 2016](#) [Five provisions:
  - -accept the 25 September 2015 Asylum Act
  - -accept the change of the 12 December 2014 Reproductive Medicine Act
  - -accept Fair Transport Financing
  - -accept an Unconditional Basic Income
  - -accept the Pro Public Service]
- [Referendum, 25 September 2016](#) [Three provisions:
  - -Accept the proposition " For a sustainable and resource efficient economy
  - -Decent Old-Age Pension
  - -Accept the Intelligence Service Act (ISA)]
- [Referendum, 27 November 2016](#) [One provision: Energy consumption and End of Nuclear Energy]



## United Kingdom



- [Local Elections, 5 May 2016](#)
  - [General Election, Wales, 5 May 2016](#)
  - [General Election, 5 May 2016](#)
  - [General Election, 5 May 2016](#)
- [Referendum, 23 June 2016](#) [EU membership]

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