

Belgian elections for Europeans

for Europeans in Belgium, voting in the 2009 European elections

About



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Two new tools have been launched to help you identify which political party (EU Profiler) or candidate (Parlorama.eu) to vote for.

The first is **EU Profiler** - it presents a series of on-screen questions that you value according to their importance to you. Have to say, it reminds me far too much of an EPSO pre-selection test, about 30 questions to go through and then some more just to confirm you've ticked what you've ticked already.... though there's no ticking clock, and you can do it in your first language, English, which makes a pleasant change.

However, the first choice you make is whether to assess your compatibility with either the Francophone or the Flemish electoral college candidates, so the language affiliation of your choice is there from the very start. You could of course, do the test once for the Francophone political parties, and then again for the Flemish political parties...You've got time between now and 7 June.

EU Profiler - Discover your position in the political landscape - <http://euprofiler.eu/>

The second e-tool is **Parlorama.eu** , a tool that identifies all the European election candidates for whichever country you choose, available in a selection of languages including English. <http://www.parlorama.eu/en/european-deputies-belgium/0-0-0/>

The MEPs are identified by their European Parliament political family, and (once you're in their individual profiles) by their regional or national political party.

This tool grades CURRENT SITTING MEPs in the 2004 - 2009, according to attendance in this legislature up to end of 2008, their level of activity(reports, questions, resolutions, signed declarations etc.) Parlorama has given the incumbent MEPs a mark out of 10, on being present, on doing stuff, and another general mark. It is not indicated how many gold stars are awarded for coffees they had with the right people

The MEPs are awarded gold stars or a thumbs down. Bit like a school report, if you like reading those...and sadly, only looks at presently elected MEPs, not all of whom will be sitting for re-election. www.parlorama.eu

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