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Report Highlights:

The Austrian People's Party (ÖVP) strengthened its leading position in the European Parliament election, claiming almost 35 percent of the vote. The ÖVP's former coalition partner, the far-right Austrian Freedom Party (FPÖ), surprisingly lost only 2.5 percentage points despite their prominent role in the so-called "Ibiza scandal."

Now former-Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz's center-right Austrian People's Party (ÖVP), maintained its top position in Austrian-EU politics, taking 34.6 percent of the Austrian vote in the May 26th European Parliamentary (EP) elections. This result represents a 7.6 percentage point gain for the ÖVP compared to the previous EP elections. The ÖVP picked up two seats for a total of seven EP seats.

Despite his victory in the EP election, Kurz and the entire Austrian government were forced to resign the day after the EP elections due to a (successful) vote of no confidence in the Austrian parliament, as a result of the so-called "Ibiza scandal" or "Ibitzagate." The Ibiza scandal focuses on a secretly recorded video showing Hans-Christian Strache – vice chancellor and leader of the ÖVP's former coalition partner, the far right Austrian Freedom Party (FPÖ) – attempting to trade public contracts for campaign support from a woman he believed to be the niece of a wealthy Russian oligarch. Despite the scandal shake-up, the FPÖ still came in third in the Austrian EP election, losing only 2.5 percentage points and ending up with 17.2 percent of the vote, resulting in three seats. NOTE: Currently, a caretaker government consisting of experts governs the country until early elections will take place in September.

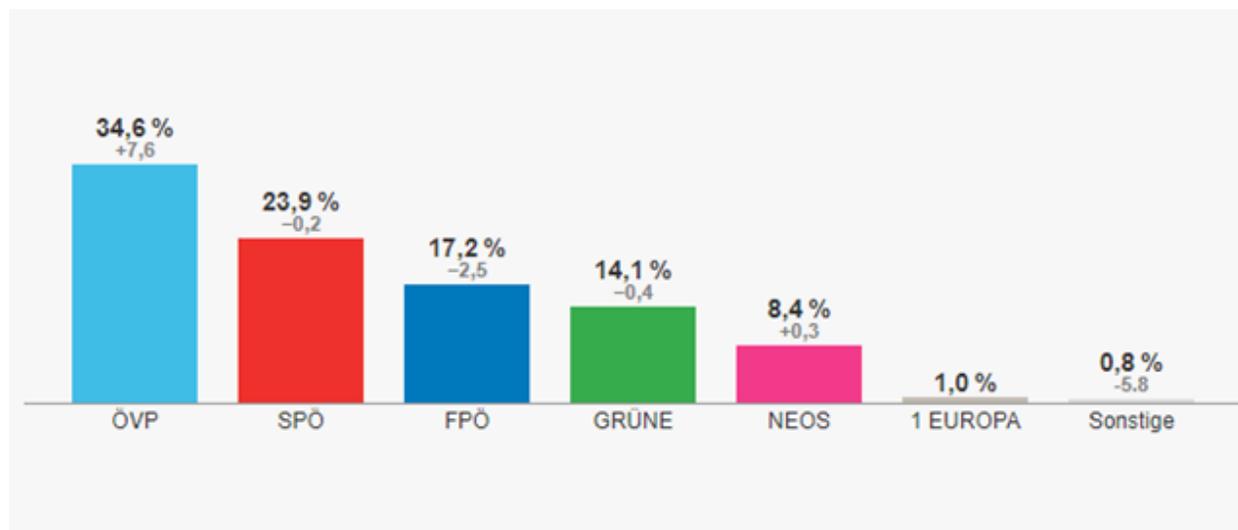
The center-left Austrian Social Democrats (SPÖ), the biggest opposition party during the former government, took second place with 23.9 percent of the vote. This result is almost identical to the one in the 2014 elections (23.7 percent). The SPÖ along with the FPÖ voted against Chancellor Kurz in the no-confidence motion.

The Austrian Greens came in fourth with 14.1 percent, tripling their vote share compared to the Austrian general elections. However, in the EP elections, the Greens lost one of their seats, leaving them with two seats in the new parliament.

The liberal NEOS obtained 8.4 percent of the vote and will keep their single seat.

The party JETZT (Liste Pilz), together with the remaining Austrian parties, only won 1.8 percent of the vote and could not gain a seat in the EP.

Austrian EP Election Results 2019 by Parties Compared to Election 2014 (numbers in grey in the second row show the change from the EP election 2014; Sonstige = Other)



Source: [DerStandard](#)

Austrian EP Election Results 2019 by Parties in Percent and Seats

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All times are GMT+2

Breakdown by national parties and political groups: 2019-2024

Austria - Provisional results

National Parties	Votes	EPP	S&D	ECR	ALDE&R	GUE/NGL	Greens/EFA	EFDD	ENF	NI	Others	Seats
ÖVP	34.60%	7										7
SPÖ	23.90%		5									5
FPÖ	17.20%								3			3
GRÜNE	14.10%						2					2
NEOS	8.40%				1							1
JETZT	1.00%											0
Other parties	0.80%											0
	100.00%	7	5	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	0	18

National Parties

ÖVP - Österreichische Volkspartei
SPÖ - Sozialdemokratische Partei Österreich
FPÖ - Freiheitliche Partei Österreichs
GRÜNE - Die Grünen - Die Grüne Alternative
NEOS - NEOS - Das neue Österreich
JETZT - JETZT - Liste Pilz
Other parties - Other parties

Political groups in the European Parliament

EPP - Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)
S&D - Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament
ECR - European Conservatives and Reformists Group
ALDE&R - Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe + Renaissance + USR PLUS
GUE/NGL - Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left
Greens/EFA - Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance
EFDD - Europe of Freedom and Direct Democracy Group
ENF - Europe of Nations and Freedom Group
NI - Non-attached Members
Others - Newly elected Members not allied to any of the political groups set up in the outgoing Parliament

Since 2009, according to Parliament's rules of procedure, a political group shall consist of at least 25 Members elected in at least seven Member States.

Source: European Parliament in collaboration with Kantar



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