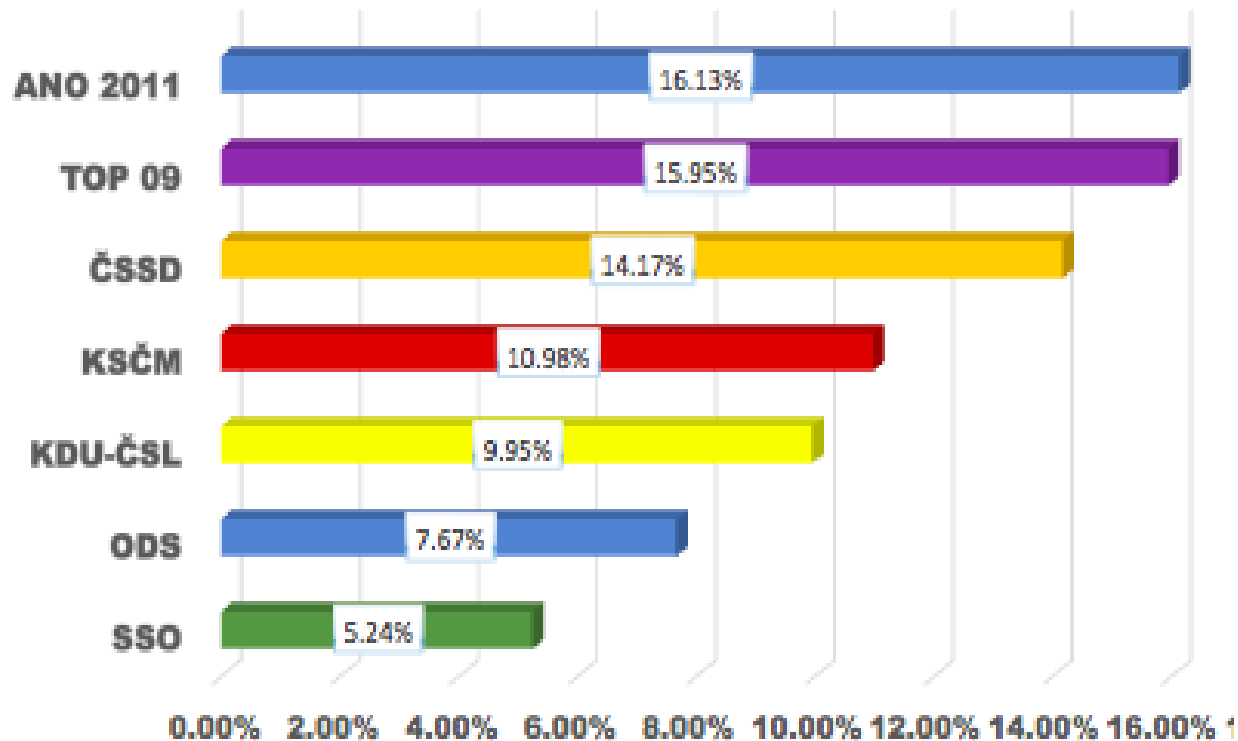




Czech MEP Guide 2014

European Parliament Elections 2014 - overall results



Political parties



ANO 2011 (ALDE). Relatively new political party created in 2011 as a movement by billionaire Andrej Babiš. Since 2013 it has been member of the coalition government. The party does not have clear ideology but claims to be pro-business and liberal.



TOP 09 (EPP). The second-largest opposition party in the Chamber of Deputies and aspiring leader of the right. TOP09 was founded in 2009 by Miroslav Kalousek (former Christian Democrat) and Karel Schwarzenberg (former Minister of Foreign Affairs appointed by the Green Party). Party combines liberal and conservative stances.



Czech Social Democratic Party (ČSSD), (S&D). Leader of left part of political spectrum, currently leading the government. It governed the country between 1998 and 2006. Recently, it survived an attempt to overthrow the leadership and is now trying to stabilise its position vis-a-vis ANO 2011.

Political parties



Communist Party of Czechia and Moravia (KSČM), (GUE-NGL). Successor of Communist Party of Czechoslovakia which ruled the country before 1989. Consists of various ideological positions from modern left politics to neo-Stalinism.



Christian Democrats (KDU-ČSL) (EPP). Traditional Christian Democratic party identifying German CDU as its paragon. The party has been part of many governments including the current one but was missing in the Chamber of Deputies between 2009-2013.



Civic Democratic Party (ODS) (ECR). It used to be the strongest right wing party long time dominating Czech political landscape (leading governments until 1996 and then 2006-2013). Won last European elections with 31.5%. The party is currently in decline after corruption scandals in internal problems. Politically, it often cooperates with British Conservatives and has similar views on the EU.

Political parties



Free Citizens Party (SSO) (EFD). The only party successful in the European elections which is not present in the Czech Parliament. Following British UKIP it is considering to exit the EU and supports much looser integration based on 4 freedoms.



Václav
Nekvapil
Managing
Partner

The second-lowest turnout among all EU countries in EP elections (18.2%) led to surprising outcomes when 3 parties ended with neck-and-neck results and 4 MEPs. For the first time in history, a party other than the traditional two left- and right-wing parties won the election, leaving former leaders behind. The victory of ANO 2011, the movement of billionaire Andrej Babiš, was expected but with much a higher margin

Mr. Babiš himself, who announced even before the results were published, that his party would not be as successful as it had wanted and that the campaign did not go well, indirectly confirmed certain disillusionment. Second place for TOP 09 further strengthens its position as the wannabe leader of the right political spectrum, where TOP 09 replaced ODS, the leading conservative right-wing party of the last 20 years.

The third place Social Democrats (ČSSD) have a lot of food for thought, as they failed to pass the second elections in a row with flying colors and Prime Minister Bohuslav Sobotka will therefore have to watch his back again (he survived a first party-putch right after the last elections).

Read our analysis [here](#).

Pavel Telička



ANO 2011
ALDE

Age	48
Education	Degree in Law, Charles University in Prague
Career	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 1998-2003: First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs○ 2003-2004: Ambassador to the EU○ 2004: Member of the European Parliament○ 2005-2014: Founding Partner of lobbying company BXL Consulting (Brussels/Prague)○ His party proposed him as a candidate for a Commissioner position in the new term
Scope of interest	Competition, trade liberalization
EP activity (to date)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 2004: EU Commissioner for Health & Consumer Protection

Petr Ježek



Age 49

Education Degree from University of Economics in Prague (MSc)

Career

- 2001 - 2003: Head of the EU department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 2003 - 2004: Director of the Prime Minister's cabinet under Vladimír Špidla (ČSSD)
- Worked as a Foreign-Policy advisor to former Prime Minister Stanislav Gross (ČSSD)
- 2005 - 2013: Partner in Telička's consulting company BXL



ANO 2011
ALDE

Scope of interest Foreign affairs, internal market

Dita Charanzová



Age 39

Education Ph.D. from University of Economics in Prague, studied at the Diplomatic Academy in Madrid

Career

- 2000 - 2001: Took part in preparing the Czech accession to the EU
- 2005 - 2009: Permanent mission of the Czech Republic to the EU, led a team responsible for trade and development policy and chaired the Council's Committee for trade policy
- Before being elected worked as a TV manager for the Council of Europe in Strasbourg

Scope of interest EU integration (generally), Trade, Media



ANO 2011
ALDE

Martina Dlabajová



Age 37

Education EU politics graduate from the University of Padova (Dott.)

Career

- Took part in the initial establishment of Zlín region's Representation to the EU
- 2000: Established a consultancy firm specializing in Czech-Italian commercial and societal cooperation
- 2006 - Present: Leader of local Rotary Club in Zlín region
- 2012 - Present: Chair of the Zlín Regional Chamber of Commerce

Scope of interest Trade, Culture, Education



ANO 2011
ALDE

Luděk Niedermayer



*TOP 09
European People's
Party*

Age	48
Education	Degree in System theories and operations at the Masaryk University in Brno
Career	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1991 - 2008: Czechoslovak and the Czech National Bank, focused on money market operations and foreign exchange administration ○ 1996 - 2008: Member of the Board of the Czech National Bank ○ 2000 - 2008: The Vice-Governor of the Czech National Bank ○ 2008 - 2014: Director of the Consulting Department for Deloitte
Scope of interest	Macroeconomic policies

Jiří Pospíšil



*TOP 09
European People's
Party*

Age	38
Education	Degree in Law at the University of West Bohemia in Pilsen
Career	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2002 - 2014: Czech MP (left ODS in 2014 when he failed in re-election to party leadership) ○ 2009 - 2010: Interim Dean at the School of Law at the University of West Bohemia in Pilsen ○ 1992-1993: Deputy Minister of Labor and Social Policy ○ 2000 - 2004, 2012 - 2014: Regional representative in Pilsen region ○ 2006 - 2009, 2010 - 2012: Minister of Justice ○ 2010 - 2011: Chairman of the Government's Legislative Council ○ 2012 - 2013: Vice-chairman of the Chamber of Deputies
Scope of interest	Legal affairs, Education

Stanislav Polčák



Age

34

Education

Graduated in Law from Charles University in Prague

Career

- 2001 - 2014: Lawyer specializing in Copyright
- 2002 - 2009: Vice-mayor of Vysoké Pole
- 2004 - 2005 he was an Assistant to Czech MEP, Tomáš Zatloukal (SNK ED)
- 2005 - 2007 he was an Assistant to Czech MEP, Jana Hybášková (SNK ED)
- 2010 - 2014: Czech MP, member of Constitutional and Legal Affairs Committee

Scope of interest

Regional policy, Copyright, Public Administration



*TOP 09
European People's
Party*

Jaromír Štětina



Age

71

Education

Degrees from the University of Economics in Prague and Charles University

Career

- 1968 - Present: Journalist
- 1967 - 1969: Member of the Communist party
- 1990 - 1992: Reporter in Moscow and war correspondent in Chechnya
- 1993 - 1994: Editor-in-chief of Lidové noviny
- 1994 - Present: Established media agency Epicentrum
- 2004 - 2014: Senator, member of Committee for Foreign Affairs, Defence and Security

Scope of interest

Foreign policy, Human Rights, Russia



*TOP 09
European People's
Party*

Jan Keller



*Czech Social
Democratic Party
S&D*

Age	59
Education	History and Sociology at the Masaryk University in Brno (professor of sociology)
Career	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Before 1989 Member of the Communist party for almost 20 years○ Previously worked for the Czech Academy of Sciences○ 1983 - Present: Worked as a high school and university teacher of sociology○ Leader of intellectual radical left who published approx. 20 books.
Scope of interest	Social policy

Olga Sehnalová



*Czech Social
Democratic Party
S&D*

Age	45
Education	Medicine at the Masaryk University in Brno MBA at the Brno Business School - Nottingham Trent University
Career	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1998 - Present: Municipal politician in Kroměříž City, Zlín Region ○ 1999 - 2009: Intensive care medical doctor at the Kroměříž hospital ○ 2008 - 2012: Regional representative at the Zlín Region ○ 2009-: Member of the European Parliament
Scope of interest	Consumer protection, Transportation, Health
EP committee (to date)	○ Transport and tourism (TRAN)

Pavel Poc



*Czech Social
Democratic Party
S&D*

Age	49
Education	Biology at the Charles University in Prague
Career	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 1993 - 1995: Director of the Mariánské Lázně City Department for the Environment○ 1998 - 2002: Vice-mayor in Mariánské Lázně○ 2003 - 2009: Co-owner of a gardening company Zahradní a parková○ 2009-: Member of the European Parliament
Scope of interest	Environment, Agriculture
EP committee (to date)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI)

Miroslav Poche



*Czech Social
Democratic Party
S&D*

Age	35
Education	Degrees in Business Administration from the Czech University of Life Sciences in Prague and in Social Studies from the Charles University in Prague
Career	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 2002 - Present: Regional Council representative of the Capital City of Prague○ 2010 - Present: City Council representative in Prague 3○ Chairman of the Social Democratic party in Prague
Scope of interest	Regional policy, Employment

Kateřina Konečná



Age 33

Education Economic policy and administration at the Masaryk university in Brno (Bc.). Master's degree at the private University of Finance and Administration

Career

- 2002 - 2014: Czech MP, Vice-chair of Foreign Affairs Committee
- As an MP she served in the Committee for the Environment and Committee on Foreign Affairs
- May - June 2004: Spent a month in EP, as an Interim ME

Scope of interest Foreign policy, Energy, Environment



*Communist Party of
Czechia and Moravia*
GUE-NGL



Jiří Maštálka



*Communist Party of
Czechia and Moravia
GUE-NGL*

Age	58
Education	Medicine in Volgograd and Kiev
Career	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 1990: Cardiologist in Pilsen○ 1990 - 1992: Czechoslovak MP○ 1996 - 2004: Czech MP○ 2009 - 2014: Member of the European Parliament
Scope of interest	Human rights, EU Enlargement
EP committee (to date)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 2009-2014: Legal Affairs (JURI)

Miloslav Ransdorf



*Communist Party of
Czechia and Moravia
GUE-NGL*

Age	61
Education	Philosophy at the Charles University, where he later became a lecturer
Career	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1984 - 1990: Prognostic institute at the Czechoslovak academy of sciences ○ 1990 - 1992: Czechoslovak MP ○ 1996 - 2004: Czech MP ○ Since 2004: Member of the European Parliament
Scope of interest	Energy, Heavy industry, Technology,
EP committee (to date)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2004 - 2009: Vice-chairman of the Industry, Research and Energy Committee (ITRE) ○ Vice-chairman of GUE/NGL

Pavel Svoboda



*Christian Democrats
EPP*

Age	52
Education	Law at the Charles University (Ph.D.). Postgraduate degree in European law from Toulouse university (D.E.A.)
Career	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1993 - Present : lecturer at Charles University in Prague ○ Worked as a lawyer for Supraphon music record company and for the Association for protection of copyright to music works ○ 1996 - 1999: Member of the Ministry of Justice's Committee for the recodification of the copyright law ○ 2004 - 2007: Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs ○ 2007 - 2009: Permanent representative of the Czech Republic to the Council of Europe ○ 2009: Minister and Chairman of the Government's Legislative Council
Scope of interest	Legal affairs, Copyright

Michaela Šojdrová



*Christian
Democrats
EPP*

Age	50
Education	Degree from the Gardening faculty of the University of Agriculture in Brno
Career	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Formerly garden architect, also worked as a French teacher○ 1996 - 2010: Czech MP○ Director of the Department for External Communications at the Czech School Inspection.
Scope of interest	Education, Culture

Tomáš Zdechovský



*Christian
Democrats
EPP*

Age	34
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Social Communication at the Pontifical University in Rome, Media studies and journalism at the Masaryk University in Brno, and pedagogy at the University of South Bohemia
Career	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Since 2004: Director in Commservis (PR company), o 2011: Founded WIFI CZ o Representative of Brain2win (brain research), where the other executive head is Mr Ivan Pilný (Czech MP for ANO 2011, chairman of the Economic Committee, and former director of Microsoft) o He is the co-founder of the association of Internet journalists & of the Institute for Political and Economic Studies
Scope of interest	ICT, Journalism, Culture

Jan Zahradil



*Civic Democratic
Party
ECR*

Age	51
Education	Institute of the Chemical technology in Prague
Career	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 1990 -1992: Czechoslovak MP○ 1995 - 1997: Foreign Policy Advisor to former Prime Minister Václav Klaus○ 1997: Director of the Department for European Integration at the Office of the Government○ 1998 - 2004: Czech MP○ 2004 - Present: Member of European Parliament○ 2014 - Present: First Vice-chairman of ODS○ He was co-founder and the first Chairman of The European Conservatives and Reformists (ECR)
Scope of interest	Industry, Trade, Energy
EP committee (to date)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ International Trade (INTA)

Evžen Tošenovský



*Civic Democratic
Party
ECR*

Age	58
Education	Economics as the Ostrava University
Career	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1990 - 2000: Council representative and Mayor of Ostrava ○ 2000 - 2008: Regional Council president of the Ostrava region ○ 2001 - 2008: Chairman of the Association of Czech regions ○ 2009- : Member of the European Parliament
Scope of interest	Heavy Industry, Energy
EP committee (to date)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vice-Chairman of the Industry, Research and Energy Committee (ITRE)

Petr Mach



Free Citizens Party
EFD

Age	39
Education	University of Economics in Prague (Ph.D.)
Career	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 1998: Founded and directed magazine called Laissez-Faire○ 2000 - 2008: Professor of Economics at the University of Economics○ 2003 - 2007: External advisor to the former president, Václav Klaus○ 2003 - 2009: Director of the Centre for Economy and Politics (CEP), educational and research institute, founded by Václav Klaus
Scope of interest	Public finance, Taxes



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