

EPP Party Barometer April 2025

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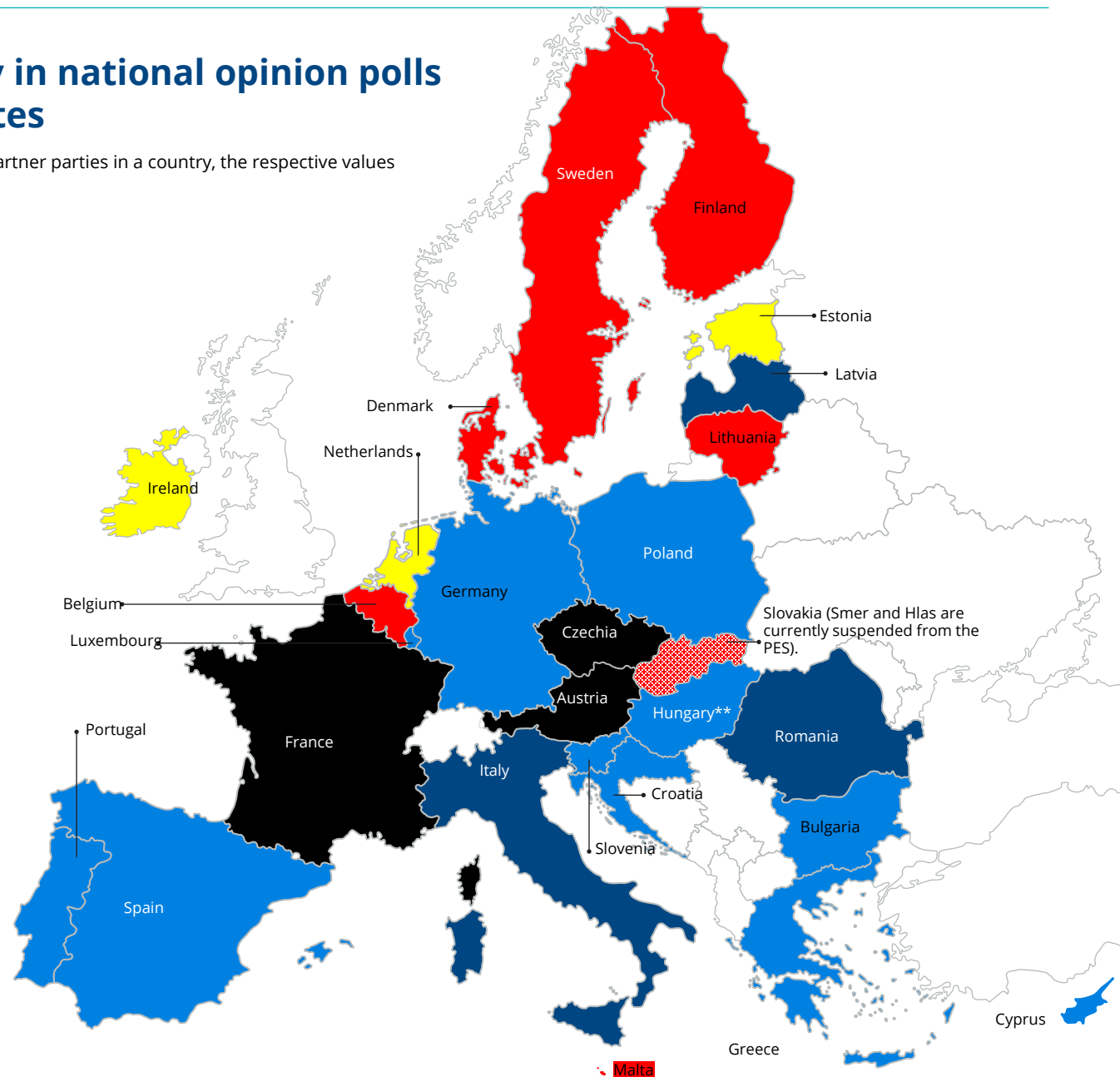
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Strongest party family in national opinion polls in the EU member states

(In the case that a political family has several partner parties in a country, the respective values are cumulated)

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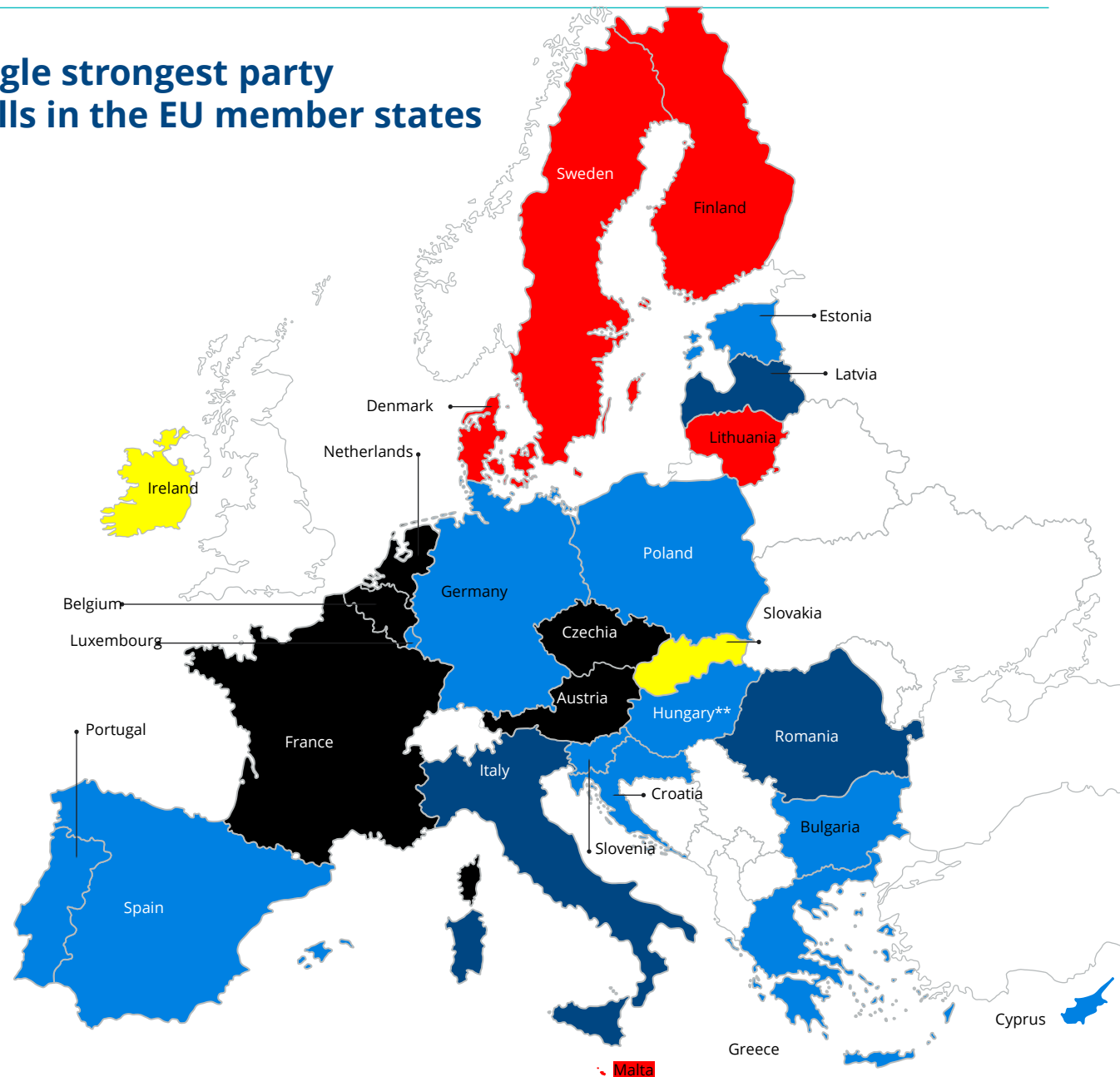


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Performance of the EPP family in national opinion polling

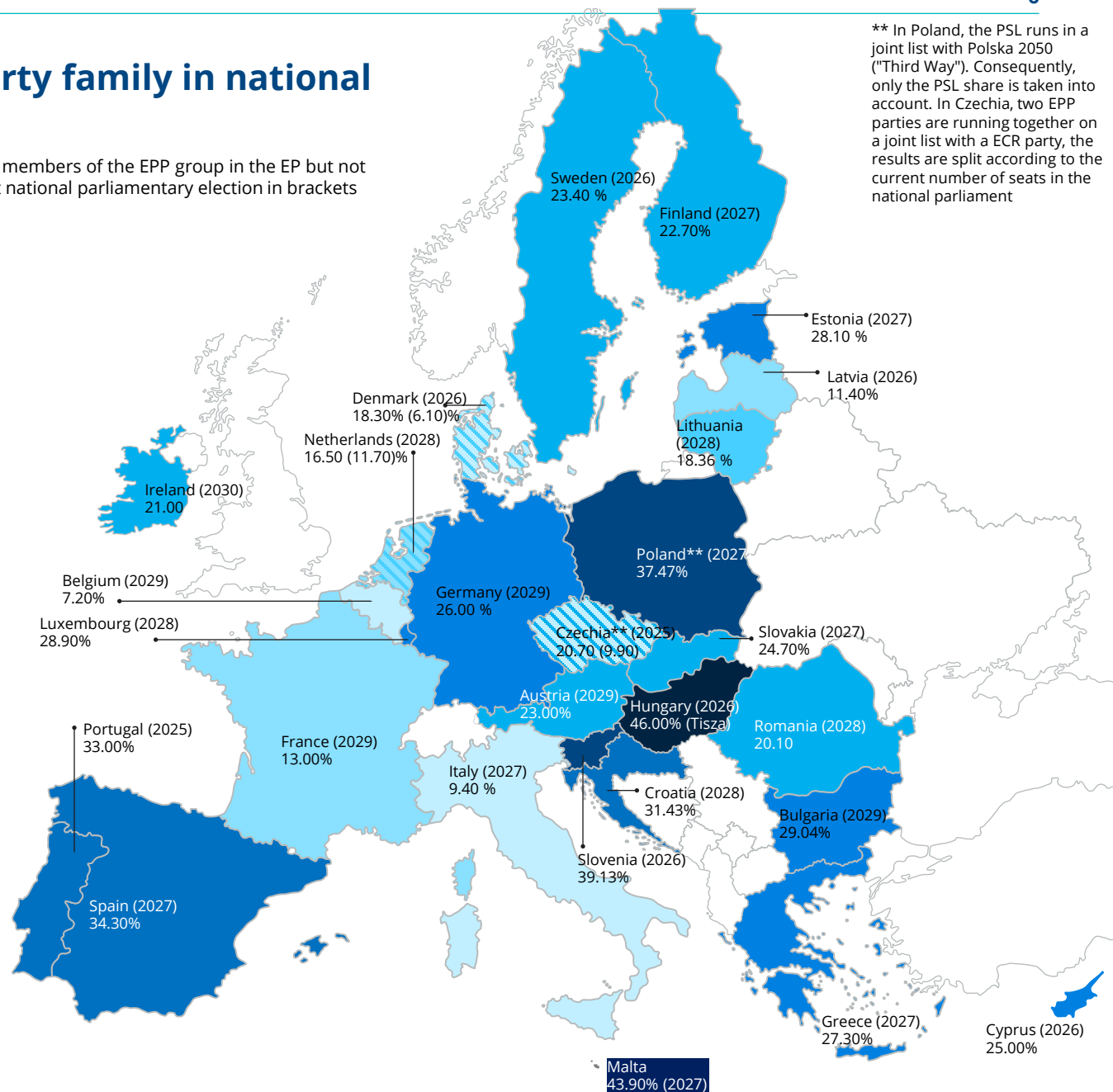
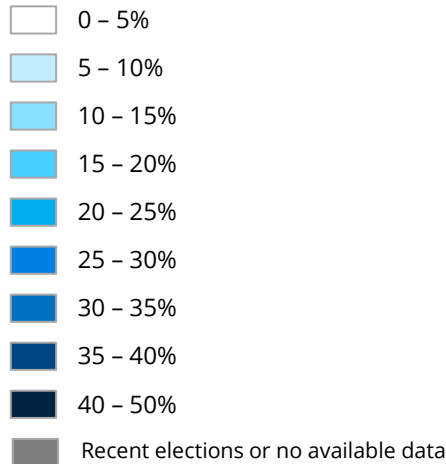
Outlook for the EPP family in 2025

- › In **Austria**, a government was successfully formed between ÖVP (EPP), SPÖ (S&D) and Neos (Renew) under Chancellor Christian Stocker (ÖVP) at the second attempt. The FPÖ however remains the strongest party in opinion polls.
- › In **Ireland**, a centre-right coalition between FF (Renew) and FG (EPP), complemented by the support of a group of Independents has been formed. There is an arrangement for a rotation of the Taoiseach position between FF and FG, currently the office is held by Micheál Martin (FF).
- › In **Bulgaria**, a difficult government formation came to a successful conclusion with Rosen Zhelyazkov (GERB, EPP) taking over the PM position on 16 January. The government survived non-confidence votes in April; one party (APS, Renew) has withdrawn its support of the government.
- › In **Belgium**, the formation of the broad, rather centre-right-tilted “Arizona” coalition succeeded. The CD&V (EPP) remains a junior governing party. The post of Prime Minister (Bart de Wever) went for the first time to the regionalist N-VA (ECR Group).
- › In **Germany**, Friedrich Merz is expected to become chancellor beginning of May as head of a CDU/CSU-SPD coalition.
- › In **Romania**, the candidate Crin Antonescu (longtime PNL, supported by EPP and S&D parties) has a chance to enter into the second round of the Romanian presidential elections (1st round on 4 May; 2nd round on 18 May).
- › In **Poland**, the PO (EPP) candidate Rafał Trzaskowski is the opinion poll favourite to win the presidential elections in May (1st round on 18 May) in a second round (1 June), currently polling 54-60% against PiS candidate Karol Nawrocki, with – in most polls - a slightly bigger margin in the case of a runoff against the far-right candidate Sławomir Mentzen).
- › In **Czechia**, perspectives for the incumbent centre-right government for the upcoming elections in autumn remain difficult. Currently the opposition party ANO (Patriots for Europe) is leading the polls (but would likely still need a coalition partner). Both EPP member parties joined an electoral alliance with ODS (ECR) which polls at 20%. STAN (not a member of the EPP party but its MEPs part of the EPP Group) performs rather well in the polls (around 10-12 %).
- › In **Portugal** snap elections have been called for 18 May with the centre-right political alliance between PSD and CDS-PP being in a very tight race with the Socialists (both around 30%). The far-right Chega is mostly polling at 16-21%.

Strength of the EPP party family in national opinion polling

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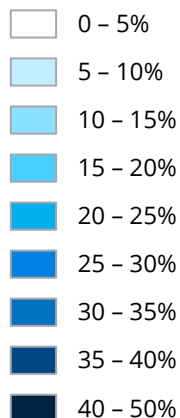
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Election results of the EPP party family in the last national parliamentary election

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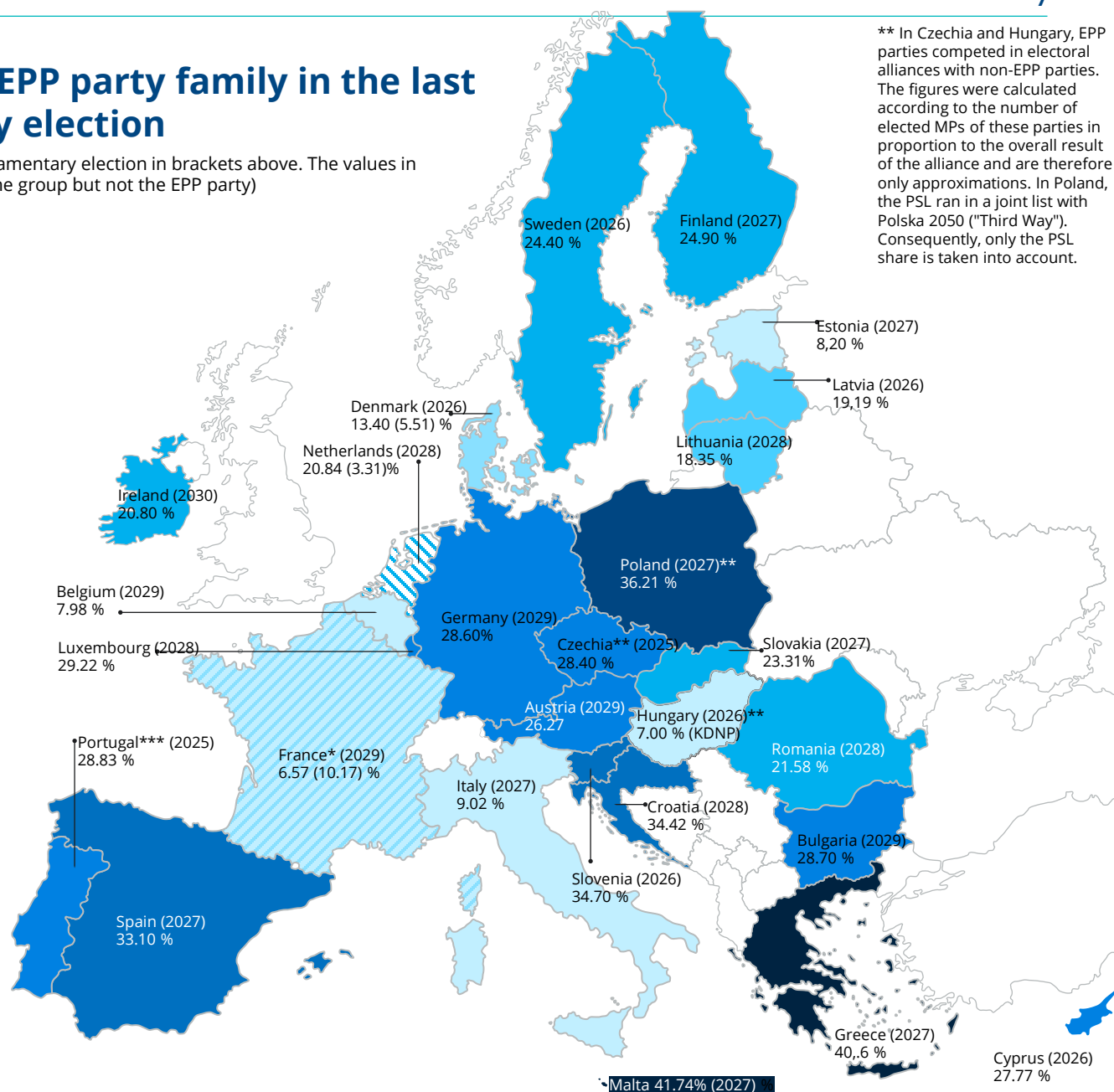
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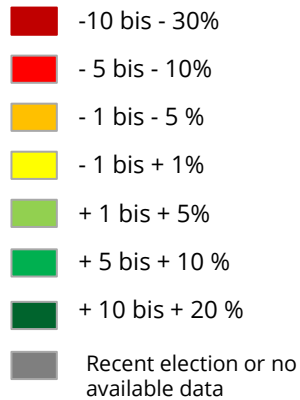
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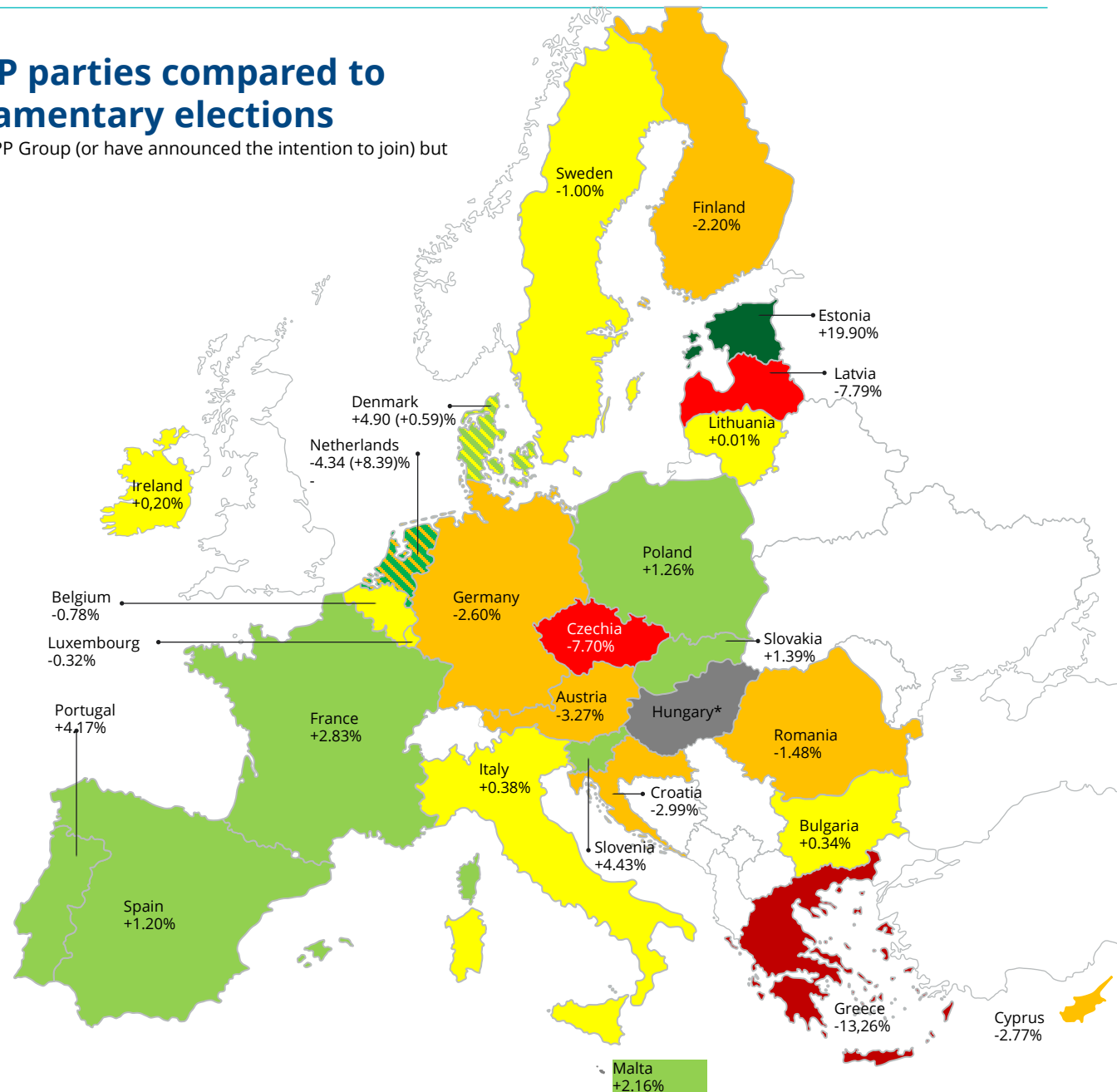


Gains / losses of all EPP parties compared to the last national parliamentary elections

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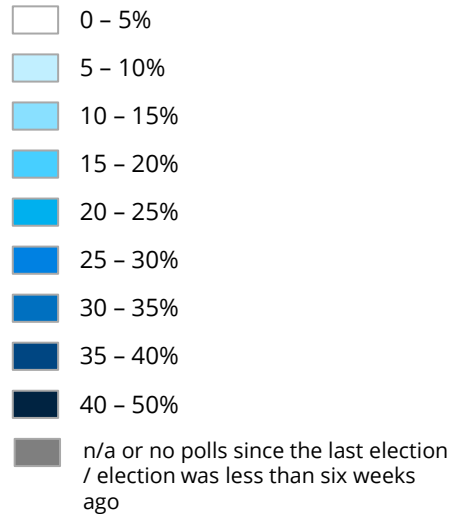
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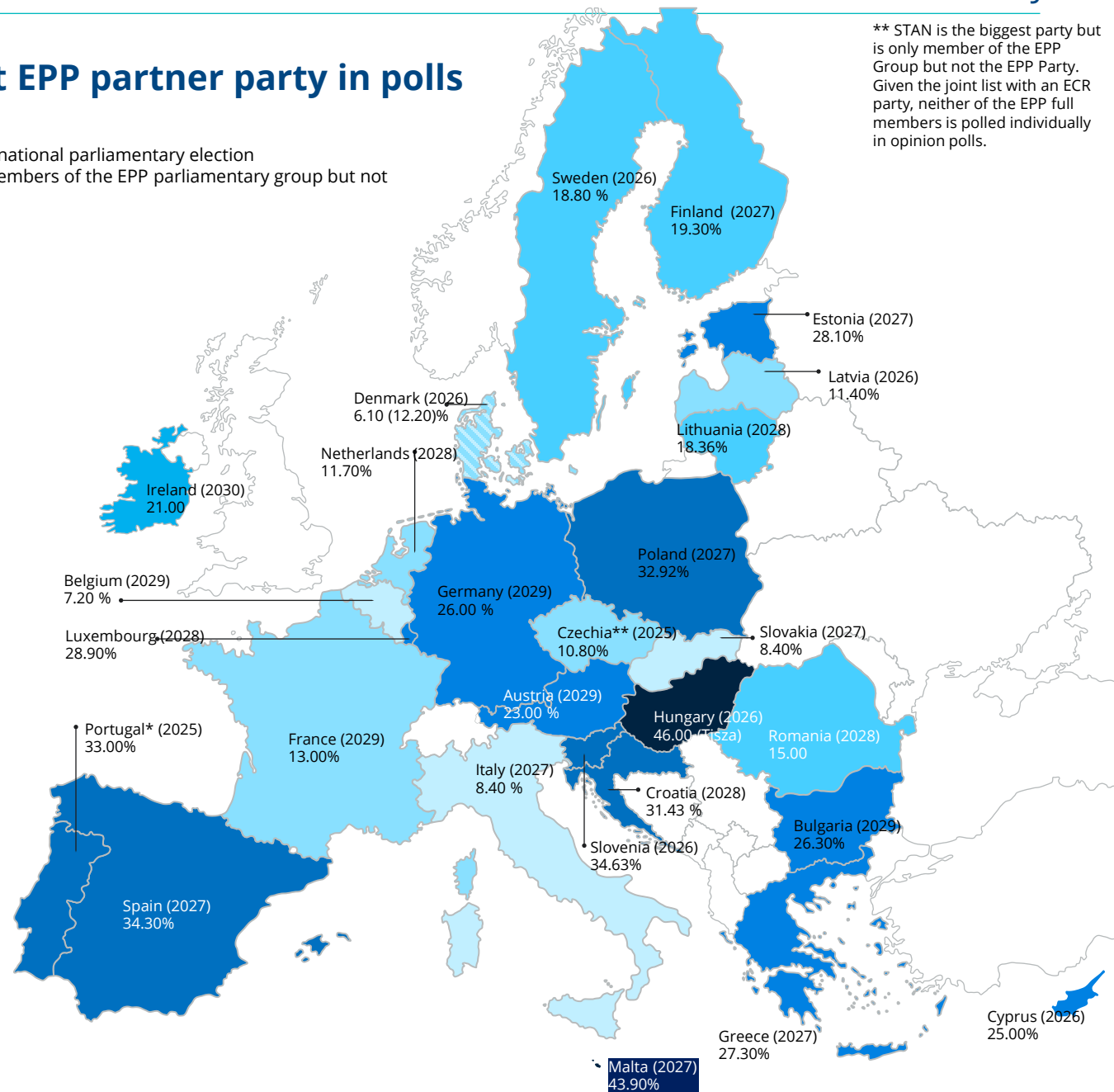
Strength of the largest EPP partner party in polls

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*PSD and CDS-PP agreed to a joint list for the national and EP elections

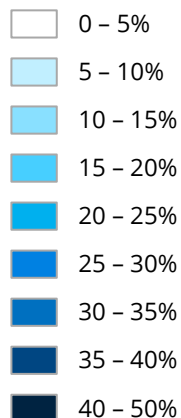


** STAN is the biggest party but is only member of the EPP Group but not the EPP Party. Given the joint list with an ECR party, neither of the EPP full members is polled individually in opinion polls.

Election results of the largest EPP partner party in the last national parliamentary elections

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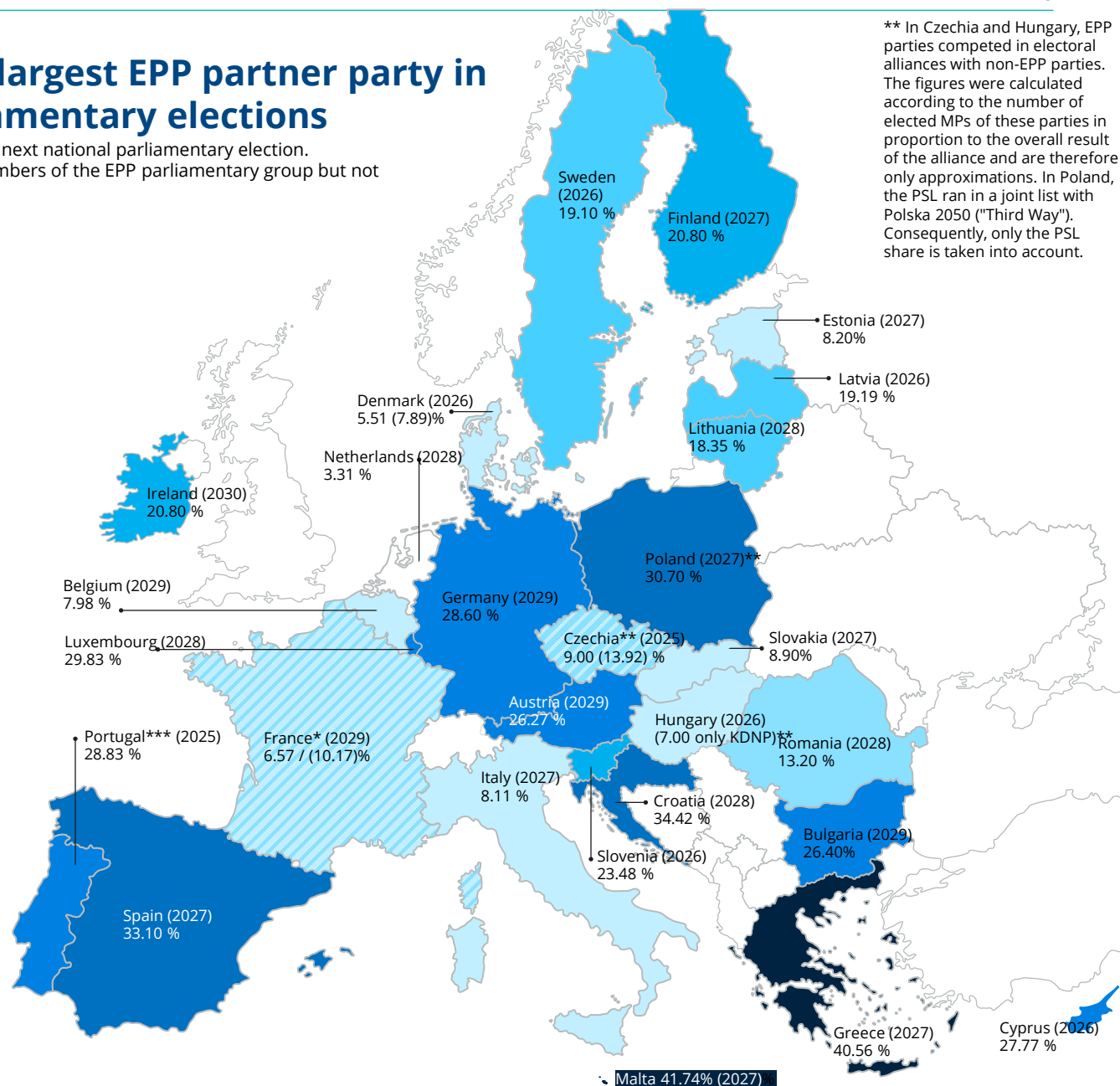
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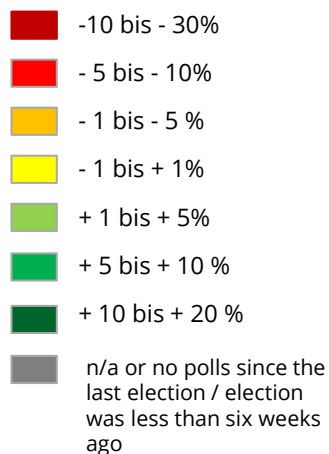
***In Portugal, the PSD entered into list combinations with the CDS-PP in the Azores and Madeira. Only the result of the individual list is counted here.

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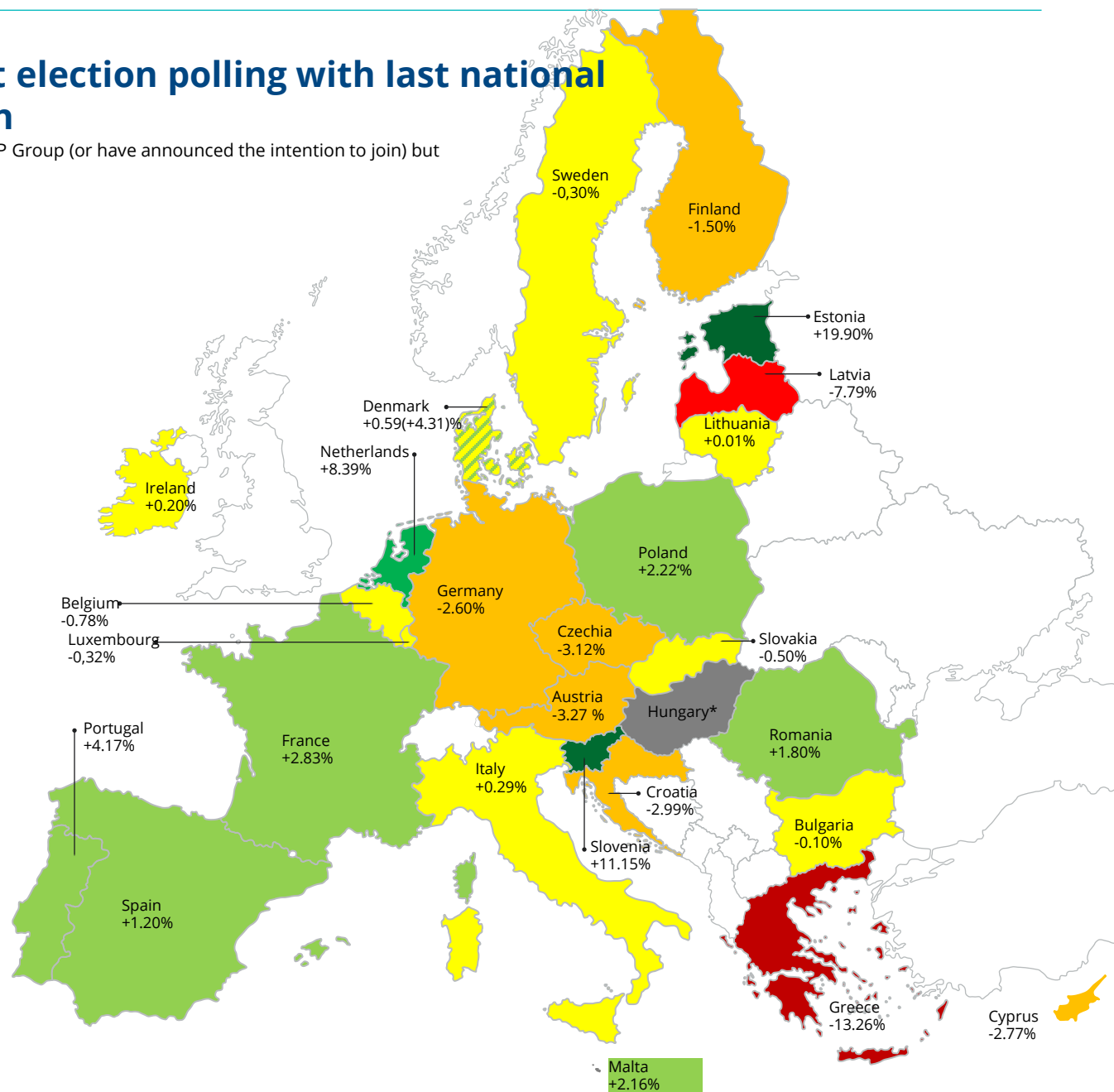


Comparison of current election polling with last national parliamentary election

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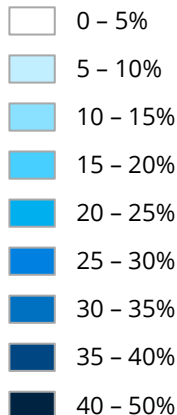
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Results of the EPP party family in the last national election

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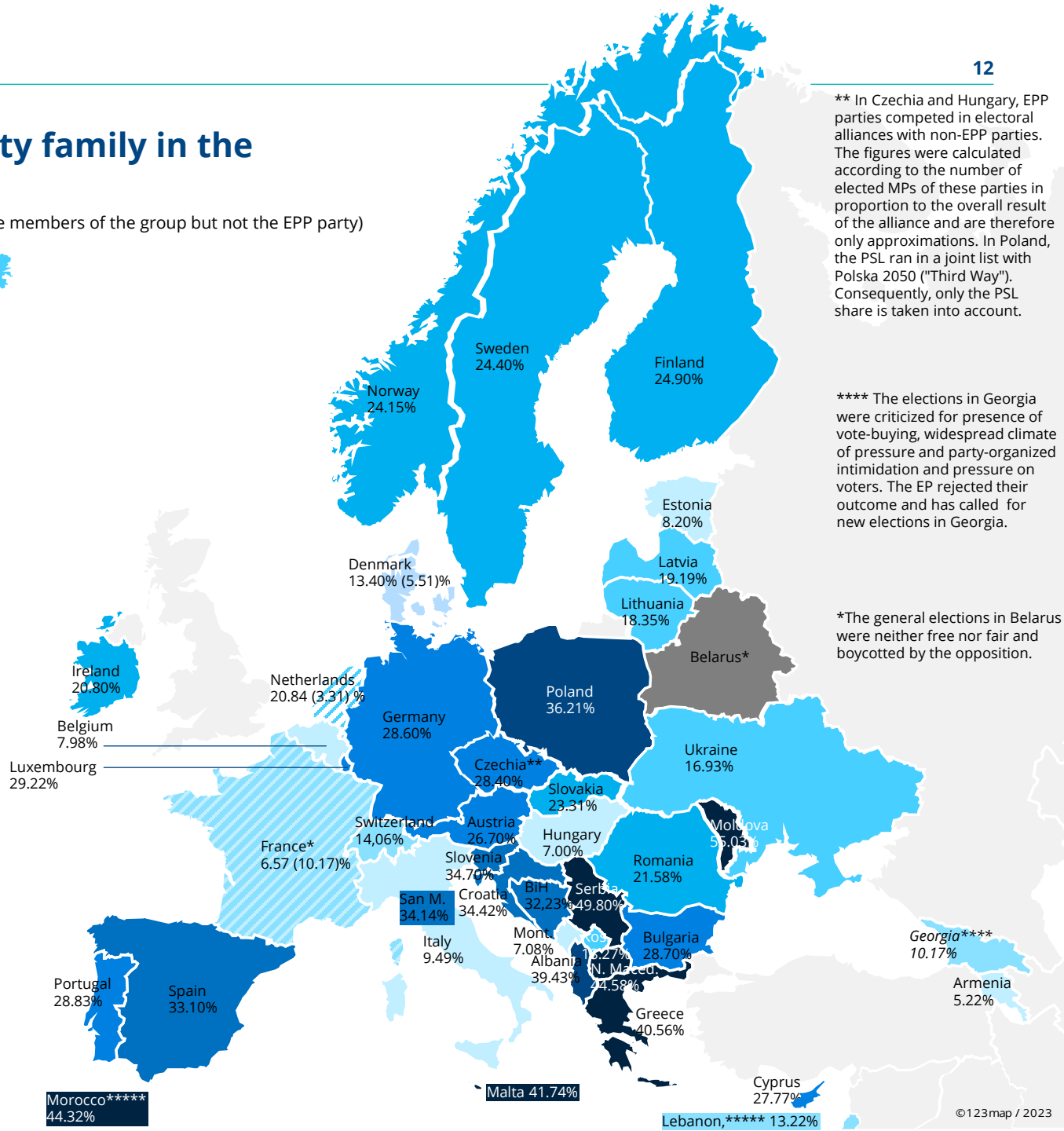
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*****RNI, Istiqlal (Morocco), Lebanese Forces, Kataeb (Lebanon) are regional partners of the EPP. The results for Lebanon also include affiliated independently.



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**** The elections in Georgia were criticized for presence of vote-buying, widespread climate of pressure and party-organized intimidation and pressure on voters. The EP rejected their outcome and has called for new elections in Georgia.

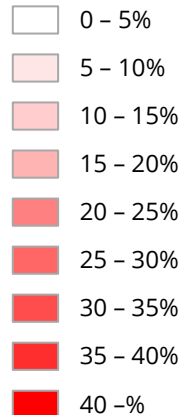
*The general elections in Belarus were neither free nor fair and boycotted by the opposition.

Opinion polling of other political forces

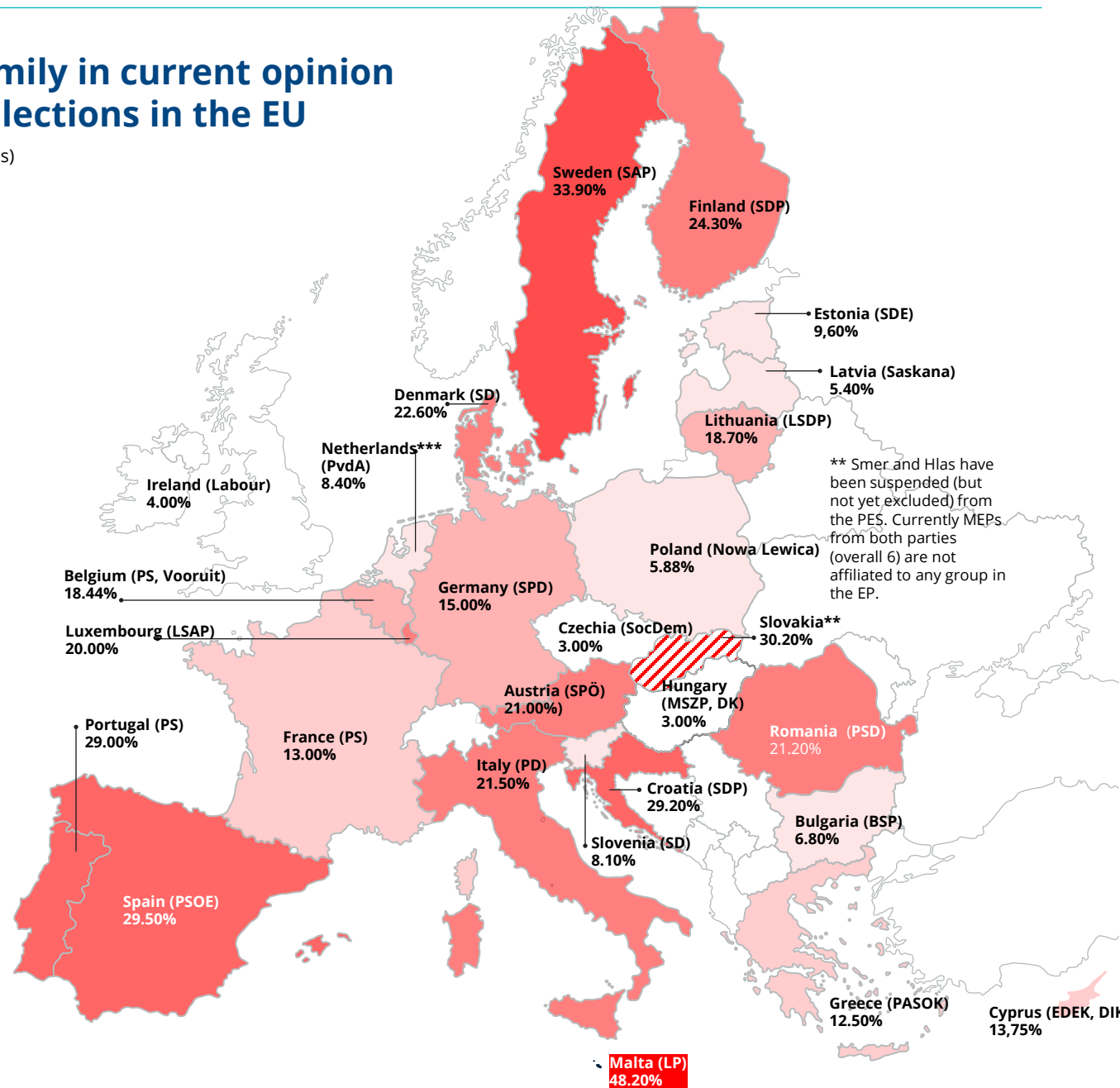
Strength of the PES family in current opinion polls or last national elections in the EU

(in brackets at the top: national member parties)

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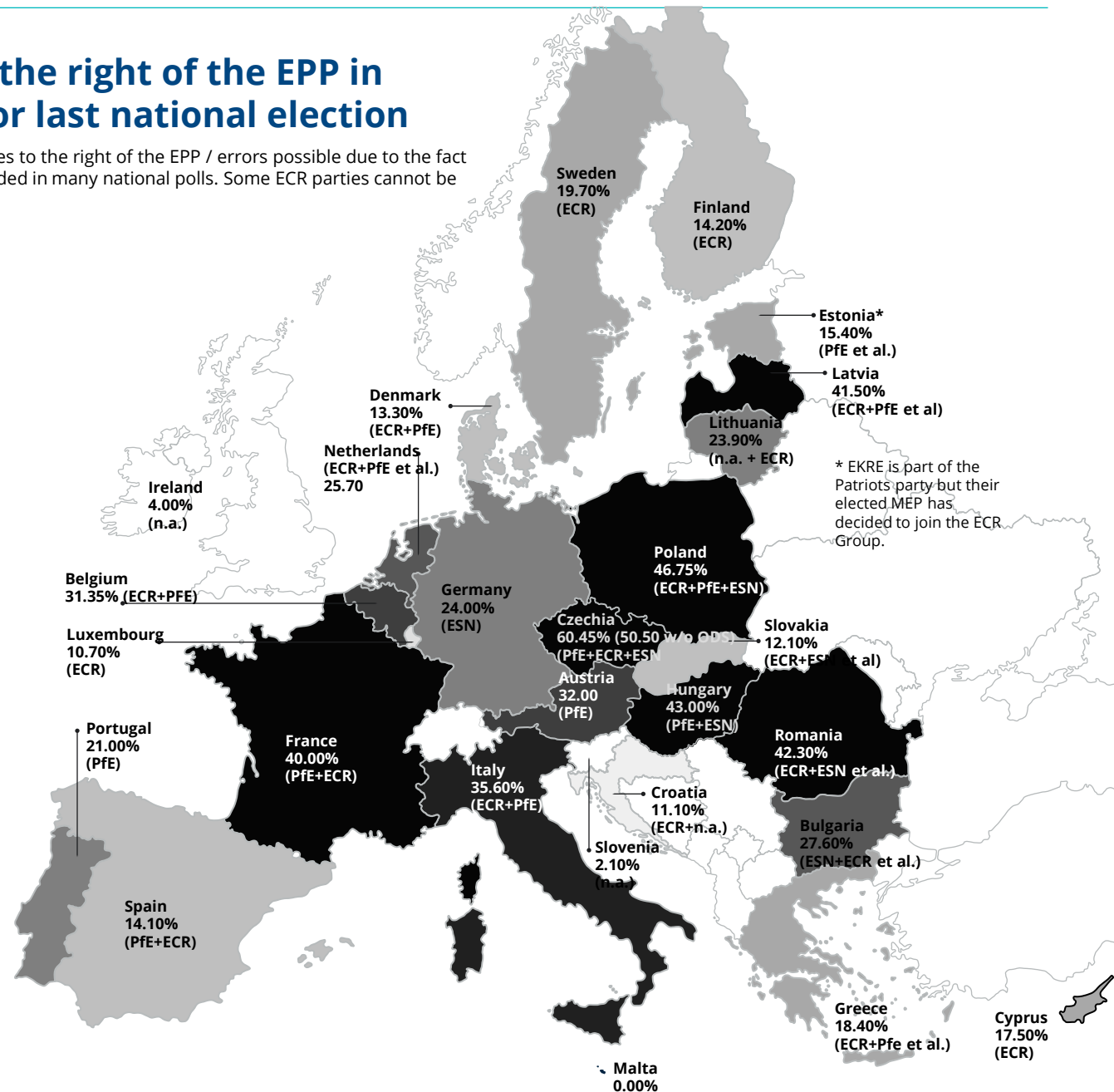
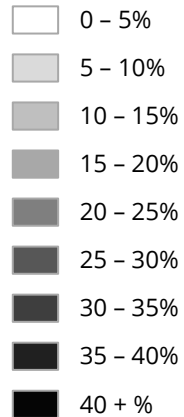
***In the Netherlands, the PvdA is running on a joint list with GroenLinks, therefore just half of the polling result is counted here.



Strength of parties to the right of the EPP in current opinion polls or last national election

(in brackets party families of the national parties to the right of the EPP / errors possible due to the fact that micro-parties at the far-right are not included in many national polls. Some ECR parties cannot be considered as far-right parties)

Legend



Composition of the European Parliament

Introduction: Overview of the current political groups

› **EPP Group (European People's Party Group)**

- › Ideology and membership: Christian Democracy, (moderate) Conservatives, Centrists, centre-right
- › Member parties (selection): CDU/CSU (Germany), PP (Spain), PO (Poland), Les Républicains (France), CDA (Netherlands)

› **S&D Group (Socialists and Democrats)**

- › Ideology and membership: Socialists, Social Democracy, centre-left & left
- › Member parties (selection): SPD (Germany), PSOE (Spain), PS (France), PS (Portugal), PSD (Romania)

› **Renew Group (mostly liberals)**

- › Ideology and membership: Left-Liberals, Liberals, Right-wing-Liberal, centrists, agrarian
- › Member parties (selection): Renaissance (France), FDP (Germany), D66 (NL), ANO 2011 (Czechia), Estonian Reform Party

› **Greens/EFA (Greens/European Free Alliance)**

- › Ideology and membership: mostly Green parties, but also agrarian parties, pirate parties, regionalists, left-leaning
- › Member parties (selection): Bündnis 90/die Grünen (Germany), GroenLinks (NL), Socialistisk Folkeparti (Denmark)

› **ECR (European Conservatives and Reformists)**

- › Ideology and membership: national-conservative, Conservatives, moderately Eurosceptic, partly right-wing Populists
- › Member parties (selection): PiS (Poland), ODS (Czechia), Fratelli d'Italia (Italy), AUR (Romania)

Patriots for Europe

- › Ideology and membership: Right-wing to far-right, Eurosceptics, Anti-Immigration, Right-wing Populists, mostly soft on Russia
- › Member parties (selection): RN (France), Lega (Italy), FPÖ (Austria), PVV (Netherlands), ANO (Czechia), Fidesz (Hungary)

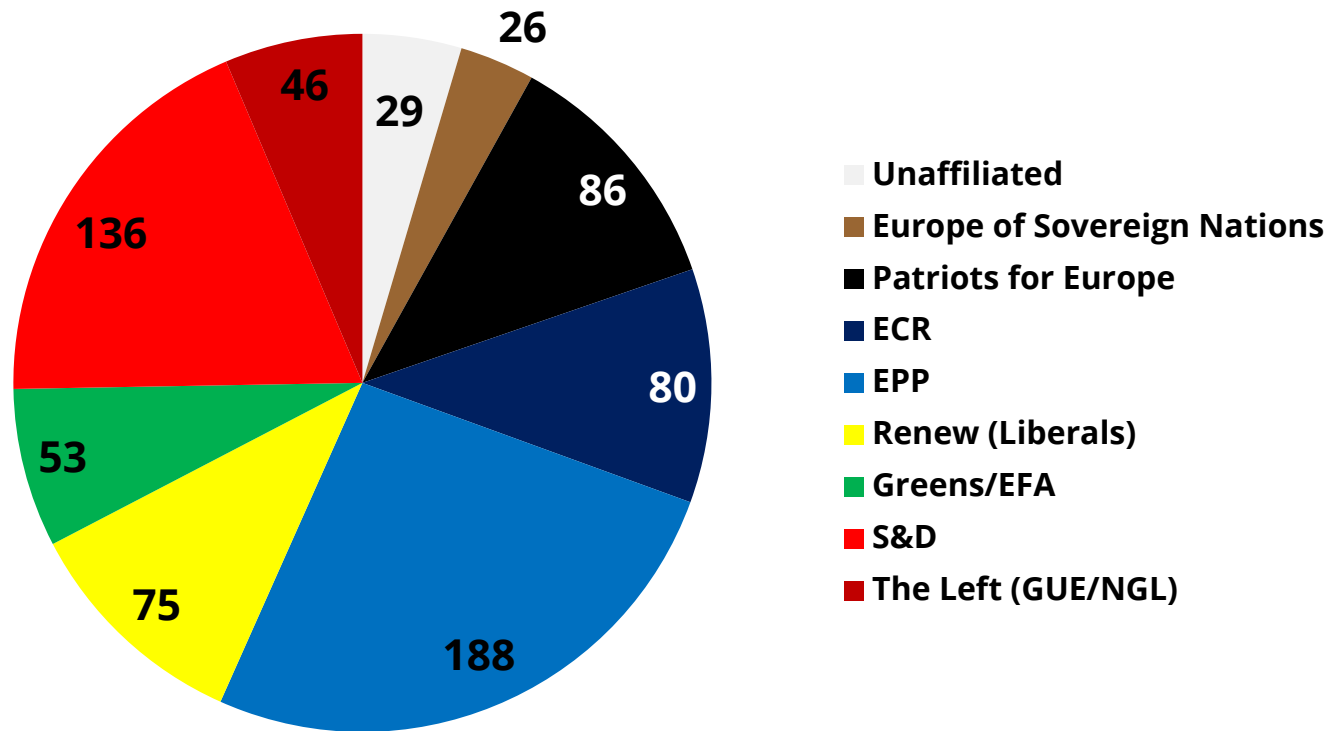
› **Europe of Sovereign Nations**

- › Ideology and membership: Far-right to extreme-right, pro-Russian
- › Member parties (selection): AfD (Germany), SPD (Czechia), Revival (Bulgaria), Republika (Slovakia)

› **The Left in the European Parliament – GUE/NGL**

- › Ideology and membership: far-left, left-wing-Socialism, Communism, Left-wing Populists
- › Member parties (selection): Die Linke (Germany), La France Insoumise (France), Syriza (Greece), Sinn Féin (Ireland)

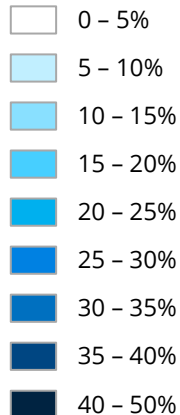
Current composition of the EP (including comparison with previous strength) as of 21 April 2025



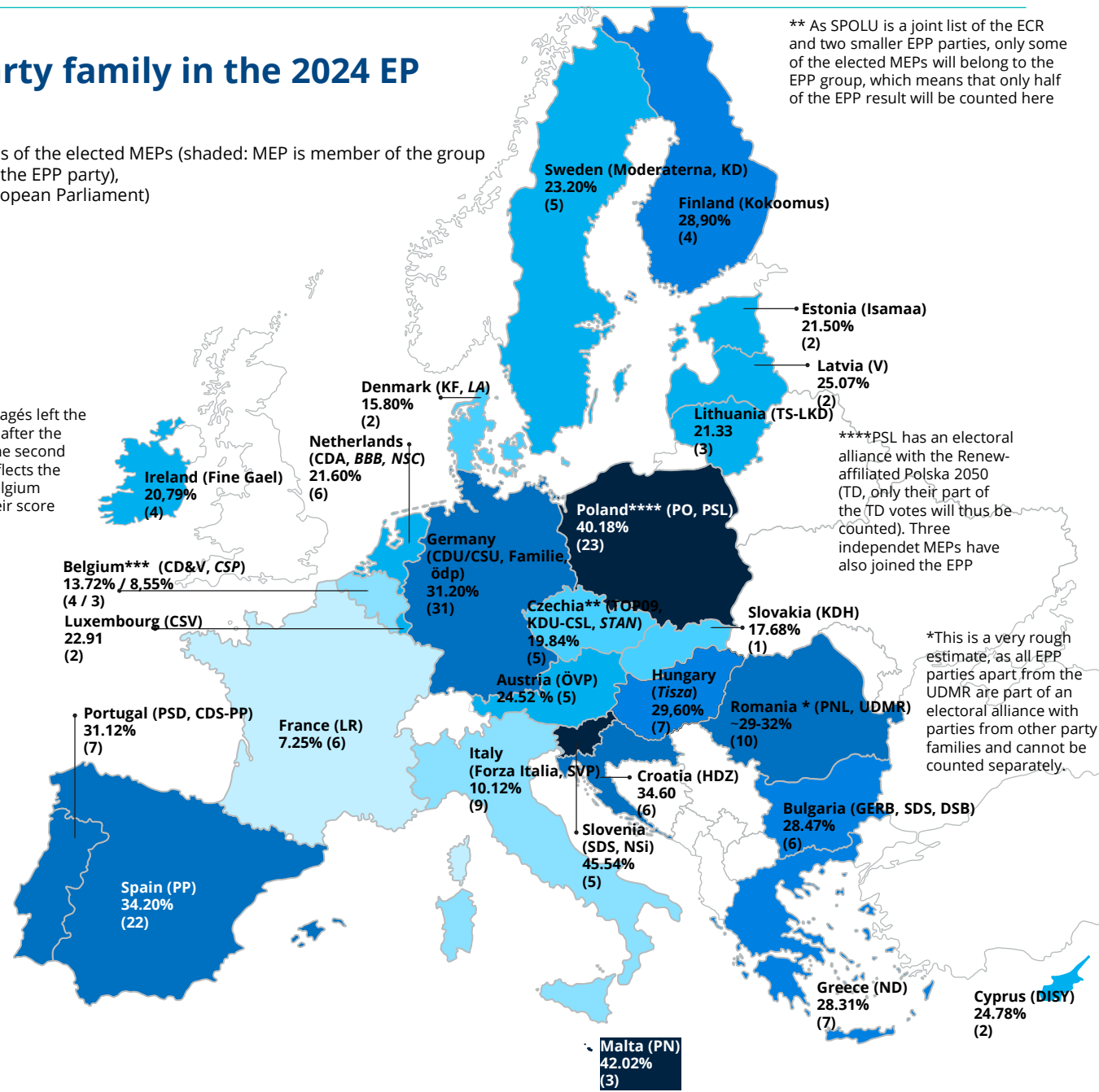
Strength of the EPP party family in the 2024 EP elections

(in brackets at the top: national member parties of the elected MEPs (shaded: MEP is member of the group but the national party is not (yet) a member of the EPP party),
In brackets at the bottom: seats in the new European Parliament)

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***Les Engagés left the EPP Group after the election. The second number reflects the result in Belgium without their score



Government participation of the EPP family

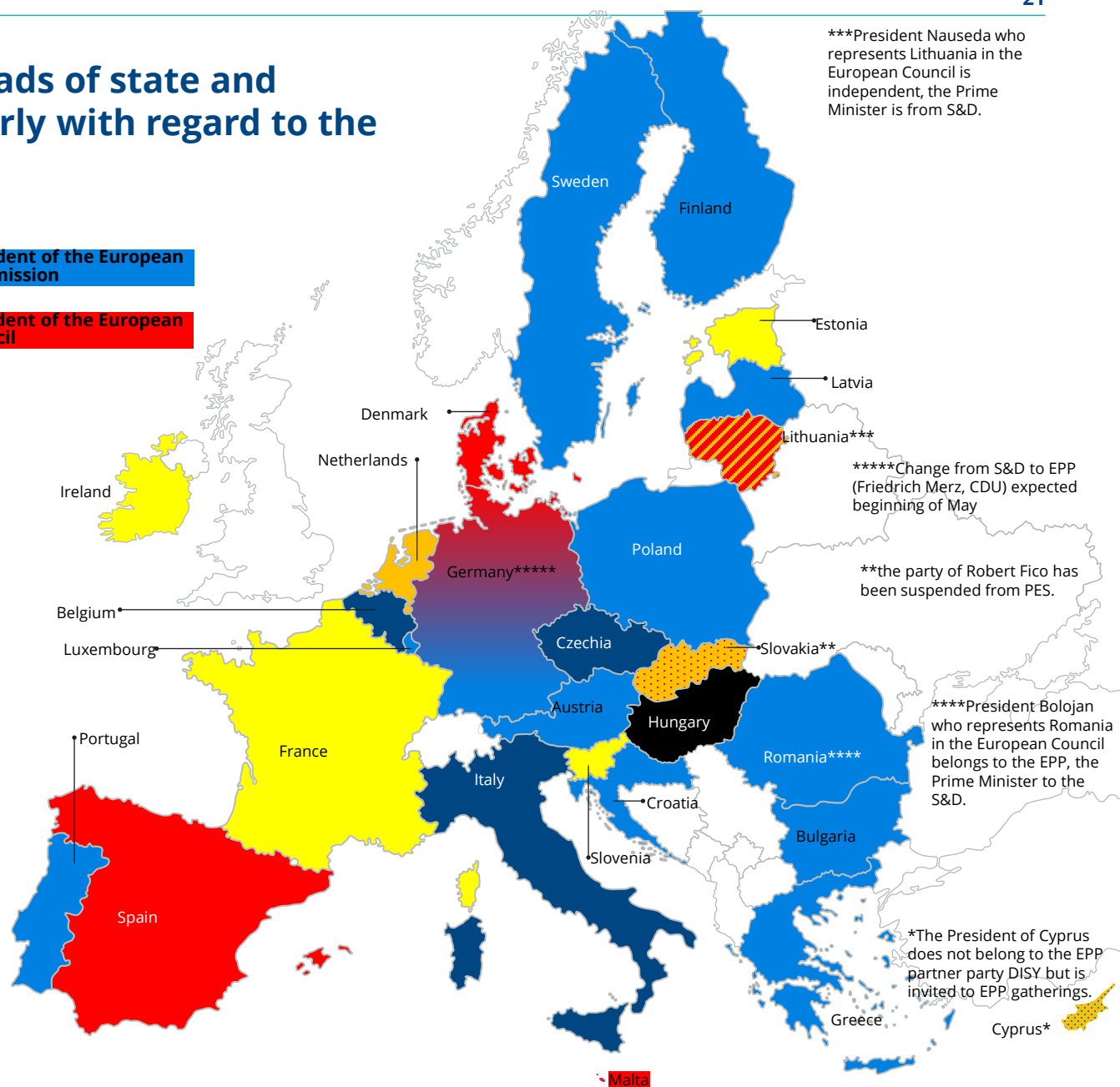
Political families of heads of state and government (particularly with regard to the European Council)

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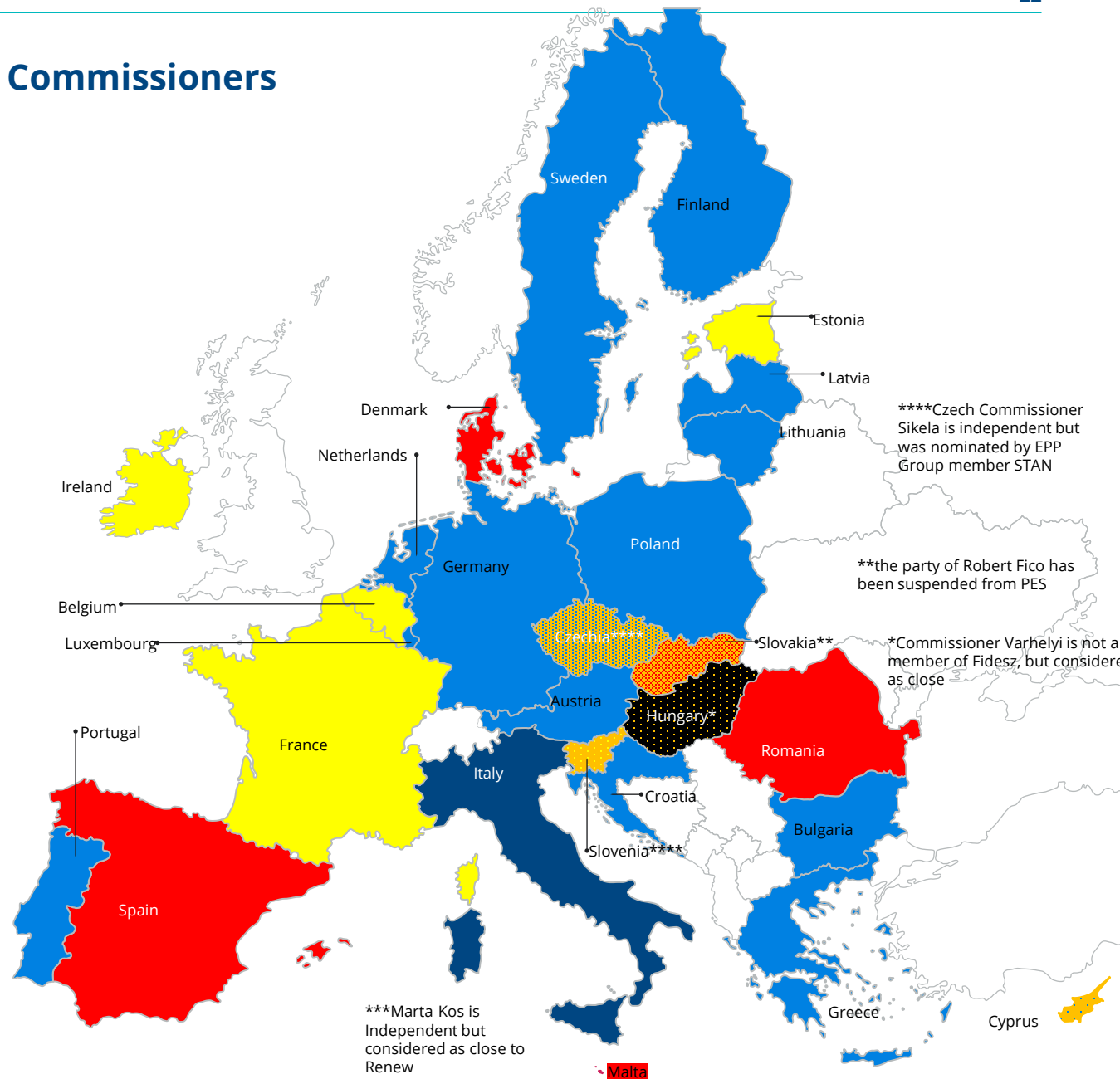
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

Political families of EU Commissioners

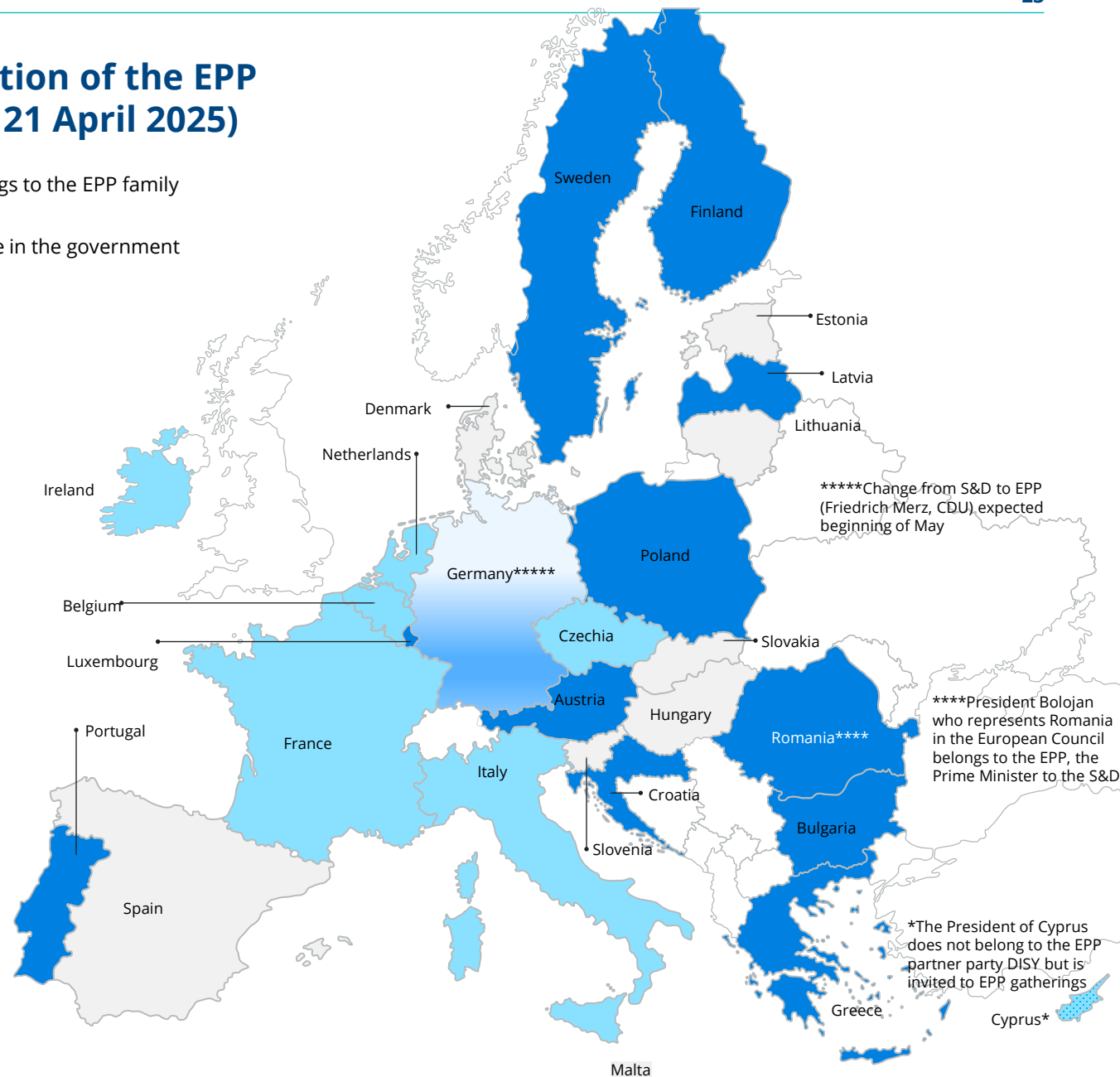
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


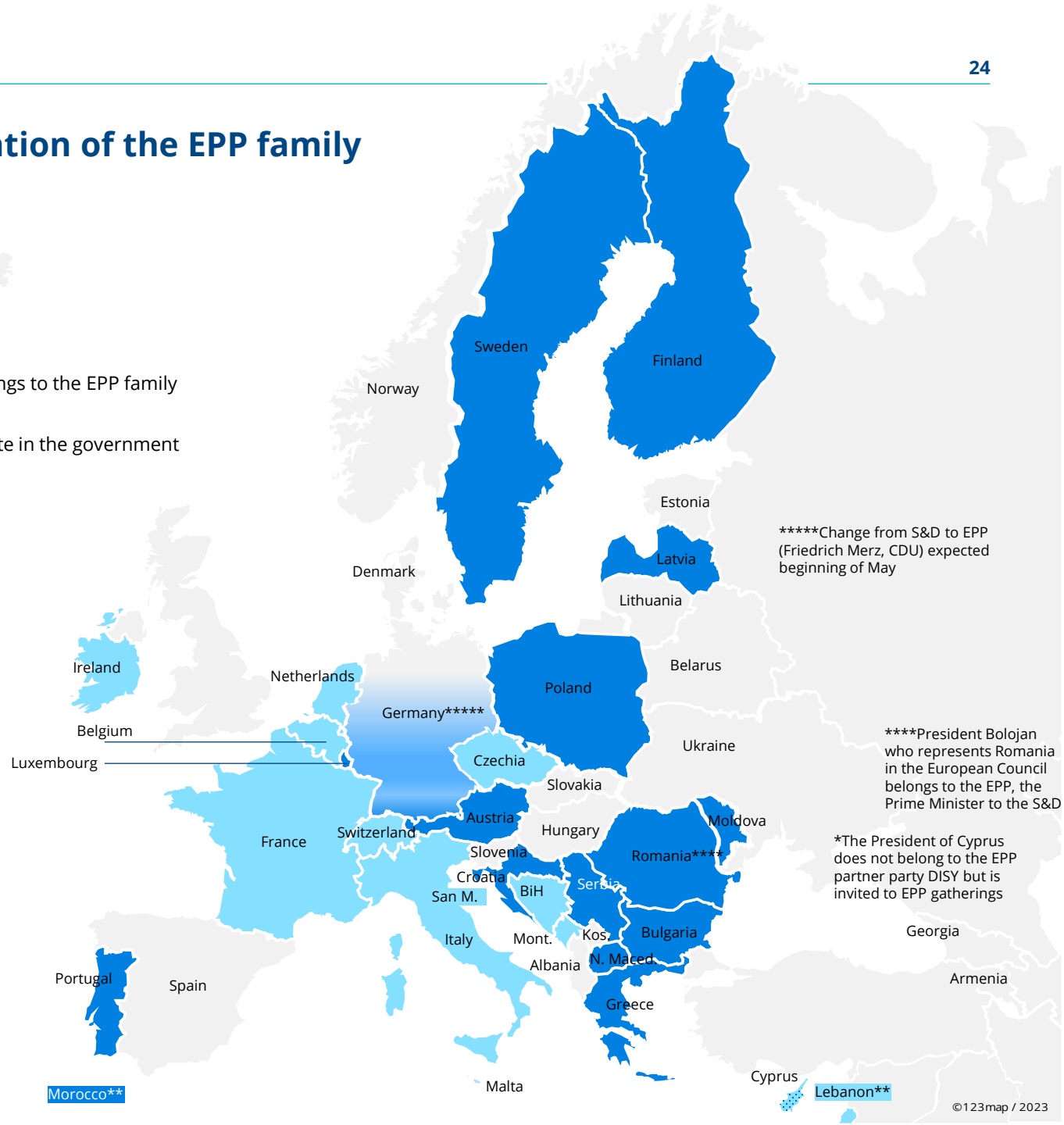
Government participation of the EPP family in the EU (as of 21 April 2025)

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Remarks

- › In Belgium, polls are only conducted at regional level: In order to obtain an adequate result at national level, these individual results were weighted according to the number of eligible voters (voting is compulsory) and the actual voter turnout. This may lead to small deviations. In Belgium, the partner parties CD&V, CSP, CDH/Les Engagés (formerly EPP) only compete regionally. The results in the individual regions are weighted accordingly. The CSP only competes in European elections.
- › In several countries, the undecided and non-voters are included in the total (100%) in the polls. the poll results have been extrapolated accordingly. Example: Party A has 13% in the polls. 30% of respondents will not vote. 20% of respondents are undecided. Accordingly, support for party A is given as 26%.
- › In Germany, the CDU and CSU are not cited as two separate parties due to the parliamentary grouping and the fact that they are always added together in polls.
- › In Poland, the KO is strongly dominated by the PO, even though other smaller parties not belonging to the EPP are also members of the PO. Accordingly, the KO result is counted entirely as an "EPP result". The Third Way is an alliance of PSL and Polska 2050. Only the PSL result is taken into account for the overall result.
- › In several countries, parties are part of the EPP group without belonging to the EPP. In some cases, they even belong to a different party family. This applies to BBB & NSC in the Netherlands, among others, STAN in Czechia, Liberal Alliance in Denmark. The corresponding results are listed in brackets.
- › Some of the parties belonging to the ECR family are right-wing populist or have strong right-wing populist elements. As this is now an established family of parties, parties belonging to it are listed as part of the ECR family and not as "right-wing populist".
- › In Czechia, the parties that are part of the EPP group in the EP ran in an electoral alliance with non-EPP parties. The KDU-ČSL and TOP 09 have an alliance with the ODS (ECR). The values were calculated according to the number of elected MPs of these parties in proportion to the overall result of the alliance and are therefore only approximations. The same applies to two of the EPP member parties in Bulgaria.
- › In Hungary, no separate poll results are shown for KDNP (EPP) and Fidesz (no longer part of the EPP since 2021). KDNP left the EPP in the meantime. Tisza is a new party; thus no comparison can be made between current opinion polling and the last parliamentary elections.
- › The EPP has regional partners outside Europe in Morocco and Lebanon.

Sources

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