

How to vote in Spain - - if you are a EU citizen

If you are an EU citizen and live in Spain, you can vote in the upcoming European elections in May 2019. You have to sign up to the foreign electoral roll by 30 January! Here are the answers to your questions about how to register and vote in the European elections.

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Are you an EU-Mover?

If you are a citizen of one of the other 27 (including United Kingdom) countries of the European Union and live in Spain, you are a EU-Mover. The free movement of people - the right of any European Union citizen to live and work in the countries of the Union- is one of the key pillars of the EU, and voting should not be a problem. The EU guarantees your right to vote in local and European elections where you live.

Can I vote in European or municipal elections only?

Yes. You can vote in local or European elections, or both, but not in general elections.

How can I vote?

To be able to vote in Spain as a foreign resident, you must be registered in the local census (padrón municipal), but also in the Electoral Roll of foreigners residing in Spain by making a declaration specifying your desire to vote in Spain in the European elections, local elections or both.



Why should I register?

To be able to exercise the right to vote outside your country of origin it is necessary to be registered as a resident in the 'padrón municipal'. One reason is to avoid the "double vote" in different countries. Here, if you are a long-term resident in Spain, local policies will affect your day-to-day and voting in Spain is a way to participate in the political life that touches you most closely. "Think European, act and vote local".

What are the deadlines?

For the European elections of May 2019, the deadline for registration in the foreign electoral roll and reception of the declaration is until January 30, 2019.

How do I register?

For May 2019 elections, the Electoral Board (Oficina del Censo Electoral, OCE) has sent more than 50,000 letters to foreign nationals of EU countries resident in Spain who have not already expressed their willingness (or not) to vote in Spain in any of the European and municipal elections of previous years. To register, just complete the form to be added to the electoral census for foreigners in Spain.

However, if on previous occasions the letter has not been answered or the check box has not been marked for the European elections, the OCE does not send again the letter.

What if I have not received the letter?

There are two options to register: online or in person at your local town hall.

On the Internet, you need your Foreigner Identification Number (NIE). Then go to the procedure "[Registration on the Electoral Roll of foreigners of the European Union to the European Parliament Elections of 2019](#)" at the web page of the National Institute of Statistics (INE).

In person: Print [this form](#) and go in person to your local town hall to register in the Foreign Electoral Roll. The form can also be requested directly at town hall asking for the 'model DFA' form.

If I am already registered, do I need to do anything else?

Being registered is not enough to be able to vote, since the extra registration in the electoral roll for foreigners is mandatory.

How do I know where I am registered?

To know where you are registered go to your Town Hall or online on the [official INE website](#).

Can I register as a resident and sign up in the electoral roll at the same time?

Yes you can at your local town hall.



Do I need to have a NIE?

For registration in person at the town hall or for the declaration by letter you do not need a NIE. However, to register online you need a NIE and the digital certificates.

Who would I be voting for?

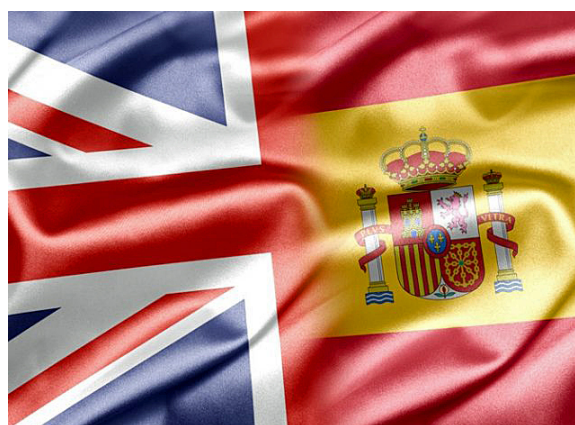
When voting in Spain, your vote would go to the Spanish electoral lists. As the elections in Spain have not yet been officially called, the official lists of coalitions and parties have not been published, but you can consult them by April both on the official page of the Central Electoral Board and in the BOE.

Can I vote in Spain to the lists of my country?

No (see above).

If I'm just passing through, can I vote in Spain?

Yes, but not as a resident. Each country establishes its own rules for the vote of its citizens from abroad, and the most common options are: by post or in the diplomatic delegation (consulate) of each country. We recommend you check the different options offered by your country in the pages of the consulates in Spain.



If I am a British citizen can I vote in Spain?

For the moment, yes. Although the United Kingdom has indicated its intention to leave the European Union on March 30 2019, according to the Central Electoral Board Agreement of October 3 2018, UK citizens residing in Spain should not be excluded from training of the electoral roll of the local and to the European Parliament elections. But this it is a precautionary forecast that will cease to have effect if the United Kingdom leaves the EU on March 30, 2019.

Where are the majority of EU-movers from?

The majority of the EU-Movers already registered in the census are from Romania, the United Kingdom and Italy and the majority are concentrated in large cities like Madrid and Barcelona, but also Alicante and Tenerife.

Doubts? Questions? Contact us!

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<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/spain/es/portada.html>

Key links (in Spanish):

Online registration:

https://sede.ine.gob.es/manifestacionVotoCere/pages/frmPresentacionEX.jsf?lang=es_ES

PDF of the reasoned statement:

<https://thediplotainspain.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/MODELO-CERE.pdf>

Press release of INE about the procedure:

https://www.ine.es/prensa/np_elecmunUE2019_1.pdf

List of Consular Offices and Embassies in Spain:

<http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Portal/es/Ministerio/Protocolo/Documents/2ACONS.pdf>