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Conservative Parties Gain Seats in EU Parliament Election

Conservative parties across the European Union (EU) made gains in the 2024 European Parliament election that was held from June 6 to June 9. In [response to his party's defeat in the election](#), French President Emmanuel Macron dissolved the National Assembly and called for a snap election, [stating on X](#), "I dissolved the National Assembly this evening. A serious, heavy decision, but above all an act of trust in you, my dear compatriots."

Germany's governing parties performed poorly, with the "far-right" Alternative for Germany (AfD) party gaining seats. According to German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, ["The election result was bad for all three governing parties."](#) AfD called for "New Elections Now!", and suggested that Scholz' government follow Macron's lead.

AfD's Alice Weidel [stated on X](#), "Yesterday's #Europawahl was more than that: Germany voted out Chancellor & #Ampel at the same time. For #Scholz there is now only one task: to clear the way for #Neuwahlen - instead of governing for another year against a large majority of the population! #AfD"

Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán's party received 44 percent of the vote and won 11 seats, down from 52 percent in the 2019 European Parliament elections. Orbán celebrated the results, [telling supporters yesterday](#), "Today we defeated the old opposition, the new opposition, and no matter what the opposition will be called the next time, we will defeat them again and again."



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Viktor Orbán



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