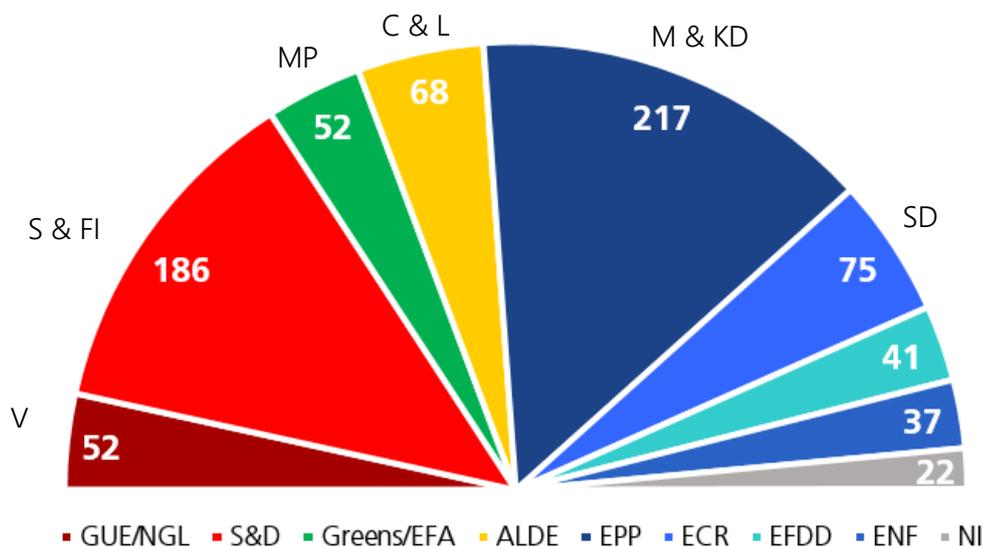


# Party Groups and Swedish Parties in the European Parliament

In the European Parliament, the parties of the member states are organized into different party groups based on political affiliation and not on the basis of nationality. The party groups have different numbers of mandates and the number of mandates each party group has depends on how many of the member countries' parties choose to be part of that particular party group. Prior to the European Parliament elections in 2019, there have been 751 seats in the European Parliament. Sweden has had 20 mandates. The number of mandates per country and total overall will change as a consequence of Brexit, which will also affect the size of the party groups. In order to form a party group, the group must contain at least 25 members from at least one quarter of the member countries.

The Swedish parties are part of various party groups. The Moderates and the Christian Democrats belong to the largest party group EPP, while the Social Democrats and Feminist Initiative belong to the second largest party group S&D. The remaining parties belong to smaller party groups. No Swedish parties belong to EFDD or ENF (since SD changed group to ECR in July 2018). Upcoming fact sheets will offer more information on what the party groups stand for, and how Brexit will impact the European Parliament!

Figure 1. Swedish parties and party groups in the European Parliament, 2014-2019.



Source: [European Parliament](http://www.europarl.europa.eu) (2019)

**Comments:** Information about the party groups, how many mandates they have and the Swedish parties' affiliation is from the European Parliament's website. The abbreviations stand for: M = Moderates, C = Center Party, L = Liberals, KD = Christian Democrats, S = Social Democrats, V = Left Party, SD = Sweden Democrats, FI = Feminist Initiative, GUE / NGL = European United Left / Nordic Green Left, S&D = Group of Progressive Alliance of Social Democrats, Greens / EFA = The Greens / European Free Alliance, ALDE = Alliance Liberals and Democrats for Europe, EPP = European People's Party Group, ECR = European Conservatives and Reformists, EFDD = Freedom and Direct Democracy in Europe, ENF = The Europe of Nations and Liberties, NI = Non-Insrits (Non-Attached members).