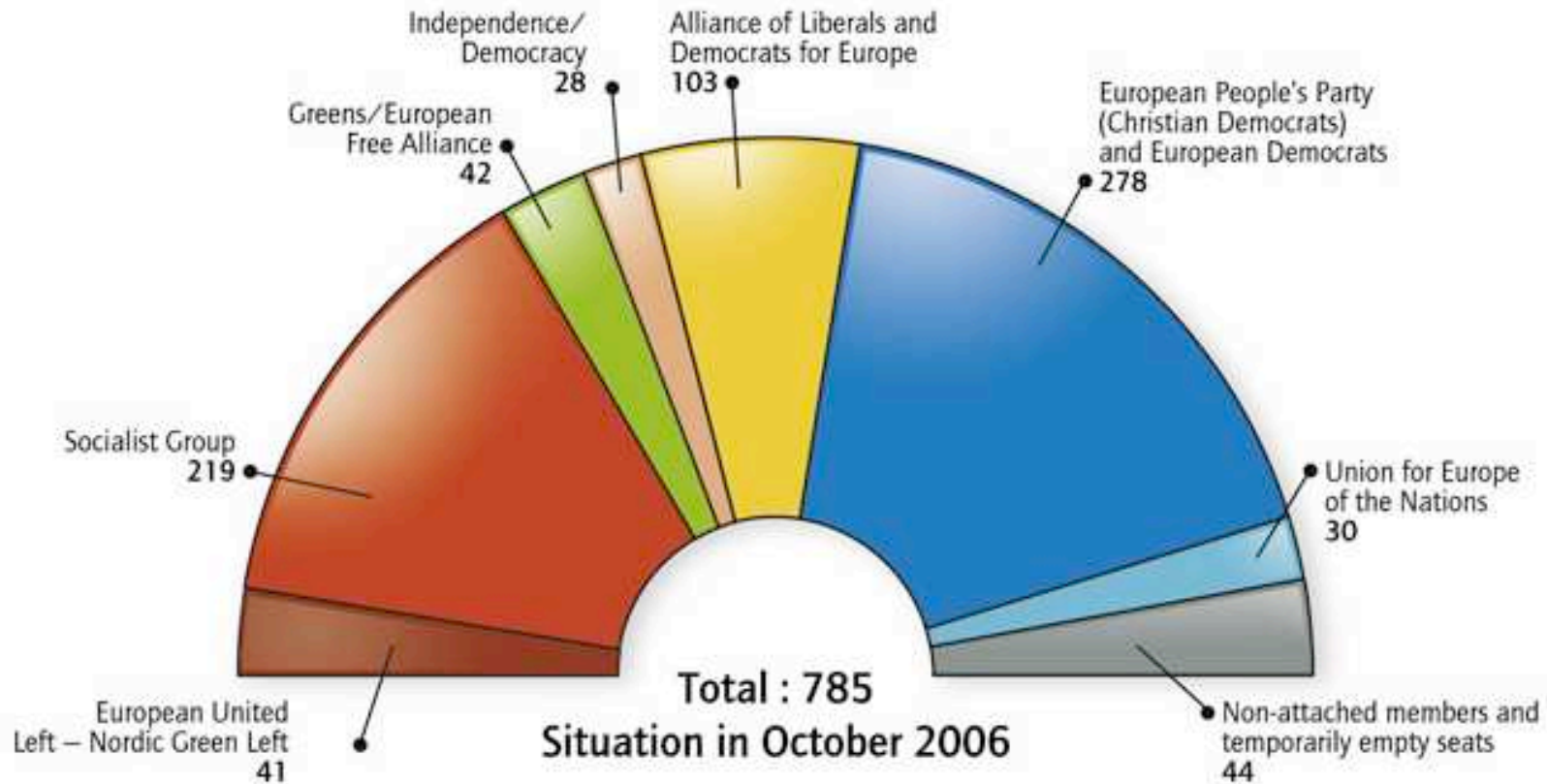


The European Parliament

Seats in the EP per country 2007–09

Austria	18	Latvia	9
Belgium	24	Lithuani	13
Bulgaria	18	Luxembourg	6
Cyprus	6	Malta	5
Czech	24	Netherlands	27
Denmark	14	Poland	54
Estonia	6	Portugal	24
Finland	14	Romania	35
France	78	Slovakia	14
Germany	99	Slovenia	7
Greece	24	Spain	54
Hungary	24	Sweden	19
Ireland	13	United	78
Italy	78	Total	785

The political groups in the EP



The Lawmaking Procedures of the EU

	Codecision	Cooperation	Consultation	Assent
Article in Treaty	since Maastricht: Art. 251	Since SEA: Art. 252	Art. 93, 94, 308, 83, 175, 13, 52	Art. 49, 161, 107
Involved institutions	CM: qualified majority; veto power of the EP	CM can overrule EP by unanimity	CM and Parliament include CoR and ESC into the legislation	EP accepts or rejects, no possibility to amend
applied to:	replaced the cooperation procedure in most areas and is since Lisbon the ordinary legislative procedure	some aspects of economic and monetary policy	before SEA most common procedure; now for some areas of the Common Market	new membership, cohesion of the EU, aspects of the ECB

The EP - a normal Parliament?

Think about the democratic deficit of the EU in two respects:

1. What are the core functions of a Parliament - in a traditional comparative perspective - and which of those is the EP fulfilling?
2. What is democratic - nondemocratic in a general perspective?
3. Where are the democratic deficits of the EU?