

Parliament name	Albanian Parliament
Structure of parliament	Unicameral
<b>BACKGROUND</b>	
Dates of election / renewal (from/to)	25 June 2017
Purpose of elections	<p>Prime Minister Edi Rama's Socialist Party of Albania (PS) won an outright majority in the 140-member Parliament. The opposition Democratic Party (PD) led by former Foreign Minister Lulzim Basha came in second. A record 39 women were elected, the highest number since 1992. During the election campaign, the major parties focused on the economy, tax reform and measures to tackle corruption and drug trafficking. Both the PS and the PD pledged to work toward eventually joining the European Union (EU).</p> <p>The 2017 elections were initially scheduled for 18 June but were postponed by one week, following an agreement between the PS and PD on 18 May to allow senior opposition officials to monitor the election process. The PD had boycotted Parliament since February 2017 in support of their call for the creation of a technocratic government to oversee the organization of free and fair elections.</p> <p>The 2017 polls followed indirect presidential elections by Parliament in April 2017 in which the Speaker of the outgoing legislature, Mr. Ilir Meta of the Socialist Movement for Integration (LSI), was elected the country's new President. On 24 July, the outgoing Parliament swore in Mr. Meta as the new President.</p>
<p>Date of previous elections: 23 June 2013</p> <p>Timing of election: Upon normal expiry</p> <p>Expected date of next elections: June 2021</p> <p>Number of seats at stake: 140 (full renewal)</p> <p>Number of candidates: 2,666 (1,593 men, 1,073 women)</p> <p>Percentage of women candidates: 40.2%</p> <p>Number of parties contesting the election: 18</p> <p>Number of parties winning seats: 5</p> <p>Alternation of power: No</p> <p>Number of parties in government: 1</p> <p>Names of parties in government: Socialist Party of Albania (PS)</p> <p>Date of the first session of the new parliament: 9 September 2017</p> <p>Name of the new Speaker: Mr. Gramoz Ruçi Socialist Party of Albania, PS)</p>	
<b>STATISTICS</b>	
<b>Voter turnout</b>	
Round no 1	25 June 2017

Number of registered electors	3'452'324
Voters	1'613'975 (46.75%)
Blank or invalid ballot papers	
Valid votes	

Notes

### Distribution of votes

Round no 1

Political Group	Candidates	Votes	%
Socialist Party of Albania (PS)			
Democratic Party (PD)			
Socialist Movement for Integration (LSI)			
Party for Justice, Integration and Unity (PDIU)			
Social Democratic Party of Albania (PSD)			

### Distribution of seats

Round no 1

Political Group	Total
Socialist Party of Albania (PS)	<b>74</b>
Democratic Party (PD)	<b>43</b>
Socialist Movement for Integration (LSI)	<b>19</b>
Party for Justice, Integration and Unity (PDIU)	<b>3</b>
Social Democratic Party of Albania (PSD)	<b>1</b>

### Distribution of seats according to sex

Men	101
Women	39
Percent of women	27.86%