The 2019 European Parliament Elections on Twitter

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The European Twittersphere – a transnational arena?
Data overview

Startdate: 2019-02-28
Enddate: 2019-06-01
Number of tweets: 3,358,528
Number of distinct users: 827,021

Date and time are in UTC (UTC).

Graph resolution: [days, hours, minutes]
• Most users (3 out of 4) retweeted rather than created their own content
• Over half of the users participated in the Twittersphere only once
• Half of the tweets contained hashtags
Most mentioned accounts (over 10 000 tweets and retweets)

1. Nigel Farage
2. Brexit Party
3. KRLS
4. Europarl_EN

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12. Vox_es
14. Greta Thunberg
16. AfD
Most frequently used languages
1. English (47%)
2. German (16%)
3. Spanish (12%)
Most frequently used hashtags per language

- 🇩🇪 afd, gehtwaehlen, artikel13, europa, spd
- 🇪🇸 26m, últimahora, eneuropaporespaña, alemania, españa\viva
- 🇫🇷 macron, lrem, renaissance, giletsjaunes, europe
Most frequently used hashtags in English

Brexit, thistimelmvoting, stopBrexit, Labour, eu, peoplesvote, remain, futureofEurope, voteLabour, Brexitparty, europeanelectionresults
Takeaways

• Language clusters reveal national topics
• The English language was not a pan-European arena, but dominated by UK politics
• Some transnational topics: climate, feminism, internet privacy
• Brexit – national or European?
• Hashtag wars