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Table 1 European Conservatives and Reformists as of October 2009

Original Name	English	Abreviation	State	MEPs	Previous EP Group
Conservative Party	(NB includes one Ulster Unionist)	Con	UK	25	EPP-ED
<i>Prawo i Sprawiedliwość</i>	Law and Justice	PiS	Poland	15	UEN (now EFD)
<i>Občanská demokratická strana</i>	Civic Democratic Party	ODS	Czech Republic	9	EPP-ED
<i>Lijst Dedecker</i>	Dedecker's List	LDD	Belgium	1	None
<i>Magyar Demokrata Fórum</i>	Hugarian Democratic Forum	MDF	Hungary	1	EPP-ED
<i>Tēvzemei un Brīvībai/LNNK</i>	For Fatherland and Freedom/ LNNK	TB/LNNK	Latvia	1	UEN (now EFD)
<i>Lietuvos Lenkų Rinkimų Akcija</i>	Electoral Action of Poles in Lithuania	LLRA	Lithuania	1	None
<i>ChristenUnie</i>	Christian Union	CU	Netherlands	1	ID (now EFD)
				54	
Other EP Groups	European People's Party	EPP		265	
	Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats	S&D		184	
	Alliance of Liberals and Democrats	ALDE		84	
	Greens	Greens		55	
	Left	EUL-NGL		35	
	Europe of Freedom and Democracy	EFD		32	
	Non-attached			27	
Total MEPs				736	