

Wrapping-up session: review, questions and doubts

Session 08

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Table 1: Early success of Green Parties in Germany and France

Country	Germany	France
Electoral rules	Majoritarian	Proportional
Union's control over the left	Medium	Strong
Segmentation of the Left	No	Yes
Left in Government	No	No
Federal institutions	Yes	No
Type of Green challenger	New Left	Conservative
Average Green vote 78-91	5.1%	1.2%

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