

# Wrapping-up session: review, questions and doubts

## Session 08

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    - The electoral threshold is set at 5%, although this is raised to 10% for coalitions of two parties and 15% for coalitions of three or more parties



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    - What does this say about party system change and the content reviewed in our course?

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