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The European Commission Internal Organization
(ECIO) Database

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commissions

Data on commissions

Description

This dataset includes data on Commissions of the European Union (1958-2021). There is one observation per Commission. The data indicates the national party and European political group of the President of the Commission and the start and end dates of each Commission. The Mansholt Commission is treated as its own Commission. The Marin Commission is treated as part of the Santer Commission.

Variables

<code>key_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies each observation. Indicates the default sort order for the dataset.
<code>commission_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> The ID number that uniquely identifies each Commission.
<code>commission</code>	<code>string</code> The name of the Commission.
<code>full_name</code>	<code>string</code> The full name of the President of the Commission.
<code>full_name_latin</code>	<code>string</code> The full name of the President of the Commission using only basic Latin characters.
<code>last_name</code>	<code>string</code> The last name of the President of the Commission.

<code>last_name_latin</code>	<code>string</code> The last name of the President of the Commission using only basic Latin characters.
<code>first_name</code>	<code>string</code> The first name of the President of the Commission.
<code>first_name_latin</code>	<code>string</code> The first name of the President of the Commission using only basic Latin characters.
<code>member_state_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies each member state.
<code>member_state</code>	<code>string</code> The name of the President of the Commission's member state.
<code>member_state_code</code>	<code>string</code> The two-letter code assigned by the Commission to the President of the Commission's member state.
<code>national_party_code</code>	<code>string</code> The common abbreviation of the President of the Commission's national political party.
<code>national_party_name</code>	<code>string</code> The name of the President of the Commission's national political party in the President's member state's official language.
<code>national_party_name_english</code>	<code>string</code> The name of the President of the Commission's national political party in English.
<code>political_group_code</code>	<code>string</code> The common abbreviation of the political group.
<code>political_group_name</code>	<code>string</code> The name of the President of the Commission's political group.
<code>start_date</code>	<code>date</code> The start date of the Commission.
<code>start_year</code>	<code>numeric</code> The start year of the Commission.
<code>start_month</code>	<code>numeric</code> The start month of the Commission.
<code>start_day</code>	<code>numeric</code> The start day of the Commission.
<code>end_date</code>	<code>date</code> The end date of the Commission.
<code>end_year</code>	<code>numeric</code> The start year of the Commission.

end_month	numeric	The start month of the Commission.
end_day	numeric	The end day of the Commission.

departments

Data on departments

Description

This dataset includes data on departments of the Commission, including Directorates-General and service departments (1958-2021). There is one observation per unique department. A new observation is created every time a department is renamed, even if the department itself does not change. This allows you to track changes in department nomenclature over time.

Variables

<code>key_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies each observation. Indicates the default sort order for the dataset.
<code>department_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies each department.
<code>department</code>	<code>string</code> The name of the department.
<code>commissions</code>	<code>string</code> A list of the Commissions in which the department appeared, separated by a comma.
<code>count_commissions</code>	<code>numeric</code> The number of Commissions in which the department appeared.
<code>is_current_department</code>	<code>dummy</code> A dummy variable indicating whether the department is a current department under the von der Leyen Commission. Coded <code>1</code> if the department is a current department and <code>0</code> otherwise.

department_type_id	numeric An ID number that uniquely identifies the type of the department. Coded 1 for Directorate-General and 2 for Service department . See the variable department_type .
department_type	string The type of the department. Either Directorate-General or Service department .
department_code	string The common abbreviation of the department. Coded Not applicable if there is not an abbreviation for the department. Coded None for all Commissions prior to the Prodi Commission.
policy_area	string The name of the policy area. See the policy_areas dataset.
current_department	string The name of the current department. See the departments dataset.

departments_by_commission

Data on departments by commission

Description

This dataset includes data on departments of the Commission, including Directorates-General and service departments (1958-2021). There is one observation per department per Commission. This dataset provides a snapshot of each Commission at the time that the first directory is published. For Commissions that come into office early in a year, the first directory is usually published later that year. For Commissions that come into office late in a year, the first directory is usually published early the next year. The exception is the Prodi Commission. The data for this Commission comes from the earliest available directory.

Variables

<code>key_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies each observation. Indicates the default sort order for the dataset.
<code>commission_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> The ID number that uniquely identifies each Commission. See the <code>commissions</code> dataset.
<code>commission</code>	<code>string</code> The name of the Commission. See the <code>commissions</code> dataset.
<code>start_date</code>	<code>date</code> The start date of the Commission.
<code>start_year</code>	<code>numeric</code> The start year of the Commission.
<code>start_month</code>	<code>numeric</code> The start month of the Commission.

start_day	numeric	The start day of the Commission.
end_date	date	The end date of the Commission.
end_year	numeric	The start year of the Commission.
end_month	numeric	The start month of the Commission.
end_day	numeric	The end day of the Commission.
department_type_id	numeric	An ID number that uniquely identifies the type of the department. Coded 1 for Directorate-General and 2 for Service department . See the variable department_type .
department_type	string	The type of the department. Either Directorate-General or Service department .
department_id	numeric	An ID number that uniquely identifies each department. See the departments dataset.
department	string	The name of the department.
department_code	string	The common abbreviation of the department. Coded Not applicable if there is not an abbreviation for the department. Coded None for all Commissions prior to the Prodi Commission.
policy_area	string	The name of the policy area. See the policy_areas dataset.
current_department	string	The name of the current department. See the departments dataset.

commissioners

Data on commissioners

Description

This dataset includes data on Commissioners (1958-2021). There is one observation per individual who has served as a Commissioner. The dataset indicates the national party and European political group of each individual, the Commissions that the individual served during, and the earliest and latest dates that each individual was in office.

Variables

<code>key_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies each observation. Indicates the default sort order for the dataset.
<code>commissioner_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies each individual who was served as a Commissioner.
<code>full_name</code>	<code>string</code> The full name of the Commissioner.
<code>full_name_latin</code>	<code>string</code> The full name of the Commissioner using only basic Latin characters.
<code>last_name</code>	<code>string</code> The last name of the Commissioner.
<code>last_name_latin</code>	<code>string</code> The last name of the Commissioner using only basic Latin characters.
<code>first_name</code>	<code>string</code> The first name of the Commissioner.

<code>first_name_latin</code>	<code>string</code> The first name of the Commissioner using only basic Latin characters.
<code>member_state_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies each member state.
<code>member_state</code>	<code>string</code> The name of the Commissioner's member state.
<code>member_state_code</code>	<code>string</code> The two-letter code assigned by the Commission to the Commissioner's member state.
<code>national_party_code</code>	<code>string</code> The common abbreviation of the Commissioner's national political party.
<code>national_party_name</code>	<code>string</code> The name of the Commissioner's national political party in the Commissioner's member state's official language.
<code>national_party_name_english</code>	<code>string</code> The name of the Commissioner's national political party in English.
<code>political_group_code</code>	<code>string</code> The common abbreviation of the political group.
<code>political_group_name</code>	<code>string</code> The name of the Commissioner's political group.
<code>commissions</code>	<code>string</code> A list of the Commissions in which the Commissioner served, separated by a comma.
<code>count_commissions</code>	<code>numeric</code> The number of Commissions in which the Commissioner served.
<code>start_date</code>	<code>date</code> The start date of the Commissioner across all Commissions in which the Commissioner served.
<code>start_year</code>	<code>numeric</code> The start year of the Commissioner across all Commissions in which the Commissioner served.
<code>start_month</code>	<code>numeric</code> The start month of the Commissioner across all Commissions in which the Commissioner served.
<code>start_day</code>	<code>numeric</code> The start day of the Commissioner across all Commissions in which the Commissioner served.

end_date	date	The end date of the Commissioner across all Commissions in which the Commissioner served.
end_year	numeric	The start year of the Commissioner across all Commissions in which the Commissioner served.
end_month	numeric	The start month of the Commissioner across all Commissions in which the Commissioner served.
end_day	numeric	The end day of the Commissioner across all Commissions in which the Commissioner served.

commissioners_by_commission

Data on commissioners by commission

Description

This dataset includes data on Commissioners (1958-2021). There is one observation per individual who has served as a Commissioner per Commission. The dataset indicates the national party and European political group of each individual, the start and end dates for each individual (within each Commission), information on whether the individual served for the entire Commission, was appointed during the Commission, or left office before the end of the Commission, and whether the portfolio of the individual changed while the individual was in office.

Variables

<code>key_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies each observation. Indicates the default sort order for the dataset.
<code>commission_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> The ID number that uniquely identifies each Commission. See the <code>commissions</code> dataset.
<code>commission</code>	<code>string</code> The name of the Commission. See the <code>commissions</code> dataset.
<code>commissioner_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies each individual who was served as a Commissioner. See the <code>commissioners</code> dataset.
<code>full_name</code>	<code>string</code> The full name of the Commissioner.

<code>full_name_latin</code>	<code>string</code> The full name of the Commissioner using only basic Latin characters.
<code>last_name</code>	<code>string</code> The last name of the Commissioner.
<code>last_name_latin</code>	<code>string</code> The last name of the Commissioner using only basic Latin characters.
<code>first_name</code>	<code>string</code> The first name of the Commissioner.
<code>first_name_latin</code>	<code>string</code> The first name of the Commissioner using only basic Latin characters.
<code>member_state_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies each member state.
<code>member_state</code>	<code>string</code> The name of the Commissioner's member state.
<code>member_state_code</code>	<code>string</code> The two-letter code assigned by the Commission to the Commissioner's member state.
<code>national_party_code</code>	<code>string</code> The common abbreviation of the Commissioner's national political party.
<code>national_party_name</code>	<code>string</code> The name of the Commissioner's national political party in the Commissioner's member state's official language.
<code>national_party_name_english</code>	<code>string</code> The name of the Commissioner's national political party in English.
<code>political_group_code</code>	<code>string</code> The common abbreviation of the political group.
<code>political_group_name</code>	<code>string</code> The name of the Commissioner's political group.
<code>start_date</code>	<code>date</code> The start date of the Commission within the indicated Commission.
<code>start_year</code>	<code>numeric</code> The start year of the Commission within the indicated Commission.
<code>start_month</code>	<code>numeric</code> The start month of the Commission within the indicated Commission.

start_day	numeric The start day of the Commission within the indicated Commission.
end_date	date The end date of the Commission within the indicated Commission.
end_year	numeric The start year of the Commission within the indicated Commission.
end_month	numeric The start month of the Commission within the indicated Commission.
end_day	numeric The end day of the Commission within the indicated Commission.
full_term	dummy A dummy variable indicating whether the Commissioner served for the entire Commission.
end_early	dummy A dummy variable indicating whether the Commissioner left office before the end of the Commission. Coded 1 if the Commissioner left office before the end of the Commission and 0 otherwise.
replaced	dummy A dummy variable indicating whether, if the Commissioner left office before the end of the Commission, the Commission was replaced. Coded 1 if the Commissioner was replaced and 0 otherwise. Always coded 0 if end_early is coded 0.
not_replaced	dummy A dummy variable indicating whether, if the Commissioner left office before the end of the Commission, the Commission was not replaced. Coded 1 if the Commissioner was not replaced and 0 otherwise. Always coded 0 if end_early is coded 0.
start_late	dummy A dummy variable indicating whether the Commissioner was appointed after the start of the Commission. Coded 1 if the Commissioner was appointed after the start of the Commission and 0 otherwise.

replacement

dummy A dummy variable indicating whether, if the Commissioner was appointed after the start of the Commission, the Commission was appointed as a replacement for another Commissioner who left office early. Coded **1** if the Commissioner was a replacement and **0** otherwise. Always coded **0** if **start_late** is coded **0**.

enlargement

dummy A dummy variable indicating whether, if the Commissioner was appointed after the start of the Commission, the Commission was appointed because of an enlargement. Coded **1** if the Commissioner was appointed because of an enlargement and **0** otherwise. Always coded **0** if **start_late** is coded **0**.

portfolio_change

dummy A dummy variable indicating whether the Commissioner's portfolio changed during the indicated Commission.

policy_areas

Data on policy areas

Description

This dataset includes data on policy areas covered by departments of the Commission (1958-2021). There is one observation per policy area. EUR-Lex, the Commission's official database of EU legal documents, sorts documents based on a case law directory and a directory of legal acts. There is a pre-Lisbon and post-Lisbon version of the case law directory. The dataset indicates the directory codes that correspond to each policy area according to each of these classification schemes.

Variables

<code>key_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies each observation. Indicates the default sort order for the dataset.
<code>policy_area_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies each policy area. See the <code>policy_areas</code> dataset.
<code>policy_area</code>	<code>string</code> The name of the policy area. See the <code>policy_areas</code> dataset.
<code>case_law_old</code>	<code>string</code> A list of the codes from the pre-Lisbon version of EUR-Lex's Case Law Directory that apply to the policy area.
<code>case_law_new</code>	<code>string</code> A list of the codes from the post-Lisbon version of EUR-Lex's Case Law Directory that apply to the policy area.

legislation

string A list of the codes from EUR-Lex's Directory of Legal Acts that apply to the policy area.

portfolio_allocations

Data on portfolio allocations

Description

This dataset includes data on portfolio allocations (1958-2021). There is one observation per portfolio allocation per Commission (i.e., one observation per portfolio per Commissioner per Commission). A new observation is created every time the portfolio of a Commissioner changes, regardless of whether that change results in a change in the departments that the Commissioner oversees. There can be multiple observations per individual per Commission if an individual's portfolio changes during the Commission. Portfolio allocations do not span Commissions. If a Commissioner has the same portfolio for more than one Commission, there will be multiple observations, one for each Commission. The dataset indicates the start and end dates of each portfolio allocation, the departments that each Commissioner oversees, and the policy areas that correspond to those departments.

Variables

<code>key_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies each observation. Indicates the default sort order for the dataset.
<code>commission_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> The ID number that uniquely identifies each Commission. See the <code>commissions</code> dataset.
<code>commission</code>	<code>string</code> The name of the Commission. See the <code>commissions</code> dataset.

<code>commissioner_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies each individual who was served as a Commissioner. See the <code>commissioners</code> dataset.
<code>full_name</code>	<code>string</code> The full name of the Commissioner.
<code>full_name_latin</code>	<code>string</code> The full name of the Commissioner using only basic Latin characters.
<code>last_name</code>	<code>string</code> The last name of the Commissioner.
<code>last_name_latin</code>	<code>string</code> The last name of the Commissioner using only basic Latin characters.
<code>first_name</code>	<code>string</code> The first name of the Commissioner.
<code>first_name_latin</code>	<code>string</code> The first name of the Commissioner using only basic Latin characters.
<code>member_state_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies each member state.
<code>member_state</code>	<code>string</code> The name of the Commissioner's member state.
<code>member_state_code</code>	<code>string</code> The two-letter code assigned by the Commission to the Commissioner's member state.
<code>national_party_code</code>	<code>string</code> The common abbreviation of the Commissioner's national political party.
<code>national_party_name</code>	<code>string</code> The name of the Commissioner's national political party in the Commissioner's member state's official language.
<code>national_party_name_english</code>	<code>string</code> The name of the Commissioner's national political party in English.
<code>political_group_code</code>	<code>string</code> The common abbreviation of the political group.
<code>political_group_name</code>	<code>string</code> The name of the Commissioner's political group.
<code>start_date</code>	<code>date</code> The start date of the allocation. Allocations do not cross Commissions.

start_year	numeric The start year of the allocation. Allocations do not cross Commissions.
start_month	numeric The start month of the allocation. Allocations do not cross Commissions.
start_day	numeric The start day of the allocation. Allocations do not cross Commissions.
end_date	date The end date of the allocation. Allocations do not cross Commissions.
end_year	numeric The start year of the allocation. Allocations do not cross Commissions.
end_month	numeric The start month of the allocation. Allocations do not cross Commissions.
end_day	numeric The end day of the allocation. Allocations do not cross Commissions.
portfolio	string The Commissioner's portfolio. If the portfolio has multiple components, they are listed, separated by a semi-colon.
departments	string A list of the departments that the portfolio includes, separated by a semi-colon.

department_allocations

Data on department allocations

Description

This dataset includes data on department allocations (1958-2021). There is one observation per department allocation per Commission (i.e., one observation per department per Commissioner per Commission). A new observation is created every time a change in the portfolio of a Commissioner leads to a change in who oversees a department. There can be multiple observations per individual per Commission if an individual oversees multiple departments or if the individual's portfolio changes during the Commission. Department allocations do not span Commissions. If a Commissioner oversees the same department for more than one Commission, there will be multiple observations, one for each Commission. The dataset indicates the start and end dates of each department allocation and the policy areas that correspond to each department.

Variables

<code>key_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies each observation. Indicates the default sort order for the dataset.
<code>commission_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> The ID number that uniquely identifies each Commission. See the <code>commissions</code> dataset.
<code>commission</code>	<code>string</code> The name of the Commission. See the <code>commissions</code> dataset.

<code>commissioner_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies each individual who was served as a Commissioner. See the <code>commissioners</code> dataset.
<code>full_name</code>	<code>string</code> The full name of the Commissioner.
<code>full_name_latin</code>	<code>string</code> The full name of the Commissioner using only basic Latin characters.
<code>last_name</code>	<code>string</code> The last name of the Commissioner.
<code>last_name_latin</code>	<code>string</code> The last name of the Commissioner using only basic Latin characters.
<code>first_name</code>	<code>string</code> The first name of the Commissioner.
<code>first_name_latin</code>	<code>string</code> The first name of the Commissioner using only basic Latin characters.
<code>member_state_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies each member state.
<code>member_state</code>	<code>string</code> The name of the Commissioner's member state.
<code>member_state_code</code>	<code>string</code> The two-letter code assigned by the Commission to the Commissioner's member state.
<code>national_party_code</code>	<code>string</code> The common abbreviation of the Commissioner's national political party.
<code>national_party_name</code>	<code>string</code> The name of the Commissioner's national political party in the Commissioner's member state's official language.
<code>national_party_name_english</code>	<code>string</code> The name of the Commissioner's national political party in English.
<code>political_group_code</code>	<code>string</code> The common abbreviation of the political group.
<code>political_group_name</code>	<code>string</code> The name of the Commissioner's political group.
<code>start_date</code>	<code>date</code> The start date of the allocation. Allocations do not cross Commissions.

start_year	numeric The start year of the allocation. Allocations do not cross Commissions.
start_month	numeric The start month of the allocation. Allocations do not cross Commissions.
start_day	numeric The start day of the allocation. Allocations do not cross Commissions.
end_date	date The end date of the allocation. Allocations do not cross Commissions.
end_year	numeric The start year of the allocation. Allocations do not cross Commissions.
end_month	numeric The start month of the allocation. Allocations do not cross Commissions.
end_day	numeric The end day of the allocation. Allocations do not cross Commissions.
department_id	numeric An ID number that uniquely identifies each department. See the <code>departments</code> dataset.
department	string The name of the department.
department_code	string The common abbreviation of the department. Coded <code>Not applicable</code> if there is not an abbreviation for the department. Coded <code>None</code> for all Commissions prior to the Prodi Commission.
policy_area	string The name of the policy area. See the <code>policy_areas</code> dataset.

policy_area_allocations

Data on policy area allocations

Description

This dataset includes data on policy area allocations (1958-2021). There is one observation per policy area allocation per Commission (i.e., one observation per policy area per Commissioner per Commission). A new observation is created every time a change in the portfolio of a Commissioner leads to a change in who oversees a policy area. There can be multiple observations per individual per Commission if an individual oversees multiple policy areas or if the individual's portfolio changes during the Commission. Policy area allocations do not span Commissions. If a Commissioner oversees a policy area for more than one Commission, there will be multiple observations, one for each Commission. The dataset indicates the start and end dates of each policy allocation.

Variables

<code>key_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies each observation. Indicates the default sort order for the dataset.
<code>commission_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> The ID number that uniquely identifies each Commission. See the <code>commissions</code> dataset.
<code>commission</code>	<code>string</code> The name of the Commission. See the <code>commissions</code> dataset.
<code>commissioner_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies each individual who was served as a Commissioner. See the <code>commissioners</code> dataset.

<code>full_name</code>	<code>string</code> The full name of the Commissioner.
<code>full_name_latin</code>	<code>string</code> The full name of the Commissioner using only basic Latin characters.
<code>last_name</code>	<code>string</code> The last name of the Commissioner.
<code>last_name_latin</code>	<code>string</code> The last name of the Commissioner using only basic Latin characters.
<code>first_name</code>	<code>string</code> The first name of the Commissioner.
<code>first_name_latin</code>	<code>string</code> The first name of the Commissioner using only basic Latin characters.
<code>member_state_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies each member state.
<code>member_state</code>	<code>string</code> The name of the Commissioner's member state.
<code>member_state_code</code>	<code>string</code> The two-letter code assigned by the Commission to the Commissioner's member state.
<code>national_party_code</code>	<code>string</code> The common abbreviation of the Commissioner's national political party.
<code>national_party_name</code>	<code>string</code> The name of the Commissioner's national political party in the Commissioner's member state's official language.
<code>national_party_name_english</code>	<code>string</code> The name of the Commissioner's national political party in English.
<code>political_group_code</code>	<code>string</code> The common abbreviation of the political group.
<code>political_group_name</code>	<code>string</code> The name of the Commissioner's political group.
<code>start_date</code>	<code>date</code> The start date of the allocation. Allocations do not cross Commissions.
<code>start_year</code>	<code>numeric</code> The start year of the allocation. Allocations do not cross Commissions.

<code>start_month</code>	<code>numeric</code> The start month of the allocation. Allocations do not cross Commissions.
<code>start_day</code>	<code>numeric</code> The start day of the allocation. Allocations do not cross Commissions.
<code>end_date</code>	<code>date</code> The end date of the allocation. Allocations do not cross Commissions.
<code>end_year</code>	<code>numeric</code> The start year of the allocation. Allocations do not cross Commissions.
<code>end_month</code>	<code>numeric</code> The start month of the allocation. Allocations do not cross Commissions.
<code>end_day</code>	<code>numeric</code> The end day of the allocation. Allocations do not cross Commissions.
<code>policy_area_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies each policy area. See the <code>policy_areas</code> dataset.
<code>policy_area</code>	<code>numeric</code> The name of the policy area. See the <code>policy_areas</code> dataset.

department_histories

Data on department histories

Description

This dataset includes data on the histories of the current departments of the Commission, including Directorates-General and service departments (1958-2021). There is one observation per historical interval in which the nomenclature of a department is constant. Unlike allocations, intervals can span Commissions. By sorting the dataset by current department, you can see the evolution of each department over time. The dataset indicates the Commissions associated with each interval and the start and end dates of each interval.

Variables

<code>key_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies each observation. Indicates the default sort order for the dataset.
<code>current_department_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies each current department. See the <code>departments</code> dataset.
<code>current_department</code>	<code>string</code> The name of the current department. See the <code>departments</code> dataset.
<code>current_department_code</code>	<code>string</code> The common abbreviation of the current department. Coded <code>Not applicable</code> if there is not an abbreviation for the department. Coded <code>None</code> for all Commissions prior to the Prodi Commission. See the <code>departments</code> dataset.

<code>current_department_type_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies the type of the current department. Coded <code>1</code> for <code>Directorate-General</code> and <code>2</code> for <code>Service department</code> . See the variable <code>department_type</code> .
<code>current_department_type</code>	<code>string</code> The type of the current department. Either <code>Directorate-General</code> or <code>Service department</code> .
<code>department_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies each department. See the <code>departments</code> dataset.
<code>department</code>	<code>string</code> The name of the department.
<code>department_code</code>	<code>string</code> The common abbreviation of the department. Coded <code>Not applicable</code> if there is not an abbreviation for the department. Coded <code>None</code> for all Commissions prior to the Prodi Commission.
<code>department_type_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies the type of the department. Coded <code>1</code> for <code>Directorate-General</code> and <code>2</code> for <code>Service department</code> . See the variable <code>department_type</code> .
<code>department_type</code>	<code>string</code> The type of the department. Either <code>Directorate-General</code> or <code>Service department</code> .
<code>commissions</code>	<code>string</code> A list of the Commissions in which the department appeared, separated by a comma.
<code>count_commissions</code>	<code>numeric</code> The number of Commissions in which the department appeared.
<code>start_date</code>	<code>date</code> The start date of the historical interval. Historical intervals can cross Commissions.
<code>start_year</code>	<code>numeric</code> The start year of the historical interval. Historical intervals can cross Commissions.
<code>start_month</code>	<code>numeric</code> The start month of the historical interval. Historical intervals can cross Commissions.

start_day	numeric The start day of the historical interval. Historical intervals can cross Commissions.
end_date	date The end date of the historical interval. Historical intervals can cross Commissions.
end_year	numeric The start year of the historical interval. Historical intervals can cross Commissions.
end_month	numeric The start month of the historical interval. Historical intervals can cross Commissions.
end_day	numeric The end day of the historical interval. Historical intervals can cross Commissions.

policy_area_histories

Data on policy area histories

Description

This dataset includes data on the histories of the policy areas covered by the departments of the Commission (1958-2021). There is one observation per historical interval in which the mapping between a policy area and a department is constant. If the nomenclature of a department changes, a new interval will be created. Unlike allocations, intervals can span Commissions. There can also be multiple overlapping intervals per policy area when a policy area is split across multiple departments at the same time. By sorting the dataset by policy area, you can see the evolution of the mapping between the policy area and departments over time. The dataset indicates the Commissions associated with each interval and the start and end dates of each interval.

Variables

<code>key_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies each observation. Indicates the default sort order for the dataset.
<code>policy_area_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies each policy area. See the <code>policy_areas</code> dataset.
<code>policy_area</code>	<code>string</code> The name of the policy area. See the <code>policy_areas</code> dataset.
<code>department_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies each department. See the <code>departments</code> dataset.

department	string	The name of the department.
department_code	string	The common abbreviation of the department. Coded <code>Not applicable</code> if there is not an abbreviation for the department. Coded <code>None</code> for all Commissions prior to the Prodi Commission.
department_type_id	numeric	An ID number that uniquely identifies the type of the department. Coded <code>1</code> for <code>Directorate-General</code> and <code>2</code> for <code>Service department</code> . See the variable <code>department_type</code> .
department_type	string	The type of the department. Either <code>Directorate-General</code> or <code>Service department</code> .
commissions	string	A list of the Commissions in which the policy area appeared, separated by a comma.
count_commissions	numeric	The number of Commissions in which the policy area appeared.
start_date	date	The start date of the historical interval. Historical intervals can cross Commissions.
start_year	numeric	The start year of the historical interval. Historical intervals can cross Commissions.
start_month	numeric	The start month of the historical interval. Historical intervals can cross Commissions.
start_day	numeric	The start day of the historical interval. Historical intervals can cross Commissions.
end_date	date	The end date of the historical interval. Historical intervals can cross Commissions.
end_year	numeric	The start year of the historical interval. Historical intervals can cross Commissions.
end_month	numeric	The start month of the historical interval. Historical intervals can cross Commissions.

end_day

numeric The end day of the historical interval. Historical intervals can cross Commissions.