

CODEBOOK:

MANNHEIM DOCUMENTATION OF THE EP ELECTION RESULTS FROM 1979-2004

DENOMINATION OF DATASET: EER\_RELEASE\_1\_1

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## A) Codebook

<b>year</b>	[Year of EP election]
<b>member</b>	[First EU Member participation in EP elections (year)]
<b>country</b>	[EU Member Country/Political System]
	11=Sweden
	13=Denmark
	14=Finland
	21=Belgium
	22=Netherlands
	23=Luxembourg
	31=France
	32=Italy
	33=Spain
	34=Greece
	35=Portugal
	36=Cyprus
	37=Malta
	41=Germany
	42=Austria
	510=Great Britain
	511=Northern Ireland
	53=Ireland
	82=Czech Republic
	83=Estonia
	86=Hungary
	87=Latvia
	88=Lithuania
	92=Poland
	96=Slovakia
	97=Slovenia

*Great Britain and Northern Ireland are treated as separate electorates concerning the share of vote and turnout1-3, but not concerning the seats and seatsum.*

<b>turnout1</b>	[Number of persons eligible to vote]
<b>turnout2</b>	[Number of voters]
<b>turnout3</b>	[Turnout (in percent)]
<b>pfamily</b>	<p>[Party family according to Euromanifestos/MRG coding]</p> <p><i>Party family based on the founding period of the party.</i></p> <p>1=green parties</p> <p>2=(post-)communist</p> <p>3=social democrats</p> <p>4=liberal</p> <p>5=christian democrats</p> <p>6=conservative</p> <p>7=nationalist</p> <p>8=agrarian parties</p> <p>9=regional parties</p> <p>95=special interest parties</p> <p><i>Missing values:</i></p> <p>99=not specified</p>
<b>party</b>	<p>[Party code from Euromanifestos/MRG data]</p> <p><i>Party code: including country (first two digits) and party family (third digit).</i></p> <p>Example: 41111=Die Grünen (41=Germany; 1=greens)</p>
<b>pname</b>	<p>[Name of parties not included in the Euromanifestos/MRG dataset]</p> <p><i>String variable, contains party name</i></p>
<b>initials</b>	[Abbreviation of party name]
<b>vote</b>	<p>[Share of votes in EP election (in percent)]</p> <p>777=vote share below 0,1%</p> <p>party gained seat despite a vote share below 0,1%:</p> <p>1) 1979, 1984 - Denmark: Siumut (Greenland Party)</p> <p>2) 1979, 1984, 1989 - Italy: SVP (South Tyrolese Party)</p>

*The listed share of votes relies on the results transmitted by the national election authorities of each country. Does only apply to parties with vote shares > 0,1 %.*

<b>result</b>	<p>[Official election result]</p> <p>0=non-official result</p> <p>1=official result</p>
<b>source</b>	<p>[Source of share of votes in EP election]</p> <p>1=National Government or Ministry</p> <p>2=Bundeswahlleiter</p> <p>3=National Statistical Office</p> <p>4=National Election Committee</p> <p>5=Official National Website for EP elections</p> <p>6=Newspaper Ta Nea</p> <p>7=Osservatorio Elettorale</p> <p>8=House of Commons Library</p>
<b>seats</b>	<p>[Party's number of seats in EP]</p> <p><i>Missing values:</i></p> <p>999=inapplicable (European –wide party)</p>
<b>seatsum</b>	<p>[Country's number of seats in EP]</p> <p><i>Missing values:</i></p> <p>999=inapplicable (European-wide party)</p>
<b>group</b>	<p>[EP Parliamentary group]</p> <p>10=EPP-ED: Group of the European people's party and European Democrats</p> <p>11=EPP: Group of the European People's Party</p> <p>20=PES: Group of the party of European Socialists</p> <p>30=Greens/EFA: Greens/ European Free Alliance</p> <p>31="Rainbow"</p> <p>32="Greens"</p> <p>33="Radical Alliance"</p> <p>40=ELDR: European Liberal, Democratic and Reformist Group</p> <p>41=ALDE: Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for EU</p> <p>50=GUE/NGL: Group of the European United Left/Nordic Green Left</p> <p>51="Communist Group"</p> <p>52="Left Unity Group"</p> <p>53=GUE: United European Left</p> <p>54=GUE:(new founded) United European Left</p>

60=IND/DEM: Independence/Democracy group

70=UEN: Group of Europe of Nations

71="Europe of Nations"

80=EDG: European Democratic Group

90="Progressive Democrats"

91=EDA: European Democratic Alliance

100="European Right"

110="Forza Europa"

120="Technical Co-ordination Group"

777=MEPs from one party joined different groups (cf. Table 1)

888=Non-Attached

999= not in EP

**Table 1: MEPs joined different groups (777)**

Year	Country	Party (Initials)	MEPs in parliamentary groups
1984	Belgium	SP	PES: 3; Non-Attached: 1
1984	Belgium	PS	PES: 4; Non-Attached: 1
1984	Belgium	VLD	ELDR: 1; ED: 1
1984	France	RPR	MEPs in EPP, EDA, ELDR, RDE
1984	Italy	PCI-PDS	Rainbow: 1; Communist Group: 26
1984	Italy	PRI	ELDR: 4; Non-Attached: 1
1989	France	RPR/UDF	MEPs in EPP, EDA, ELDR, RDE
1989	Italy	PRI	ELDR: 4; Non-Attached: 1
1989	Portugal	PCP	GUE: 3; Greens: 1
1989	Germany	Grüne	Greens: 7; Rainbow: 1
1994	France	RPR/UDF	MEPs in EPP, UEN, ELDR
1994	Spain	CiU	EPP: 1; ELDR: 2
1994	Portugal	PSD	ELDR: 8; EPP: 1

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1999	Belgium	PRL-FDF-MCC	ELDR: 2; EPP-ED: 1
1999	France	RPF	UEN: 12; Non-Attached: 1
1999	Italy	LN	Technical Co-ordination Group: 3; Non-Attached: 1
1999	Spain	CiU	EPP-ED: 1; ELDR: 2
1999	Spain	CE	ELDR: 1; Greens: 1
2004	Czech Republic	Nezavisli	IND/DEM:1; Non-Attached: 1
2004	Great Britain	UKIP	IND/DEM: 11; Non-Attached: 1
2004	Italy	ULIVO	PES: 16; ALDE: 8
2004	Ireland	Independant	ALDE: 1; IND/DEM: 1
2004	Spain	IU	Greens: 1; GUE/NGL:1

## B) Documentation of Sources

### 1. Parliamentary Groups

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (1979): E.P. LEGISLATURE 1979-1984 following the June 1979 elections. Distribution of Seats per Member State and membership of the political groups, 09/1979.

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (1984): Member lists of the European Parliament from 10.09.1984.

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (1989): Member lists of the European Parliament from 26.10.1987.

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (1994): Member lists of the European Parliament from 23.10. 1989.

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (1999): EP Wahlen – Juni 1999. Wahlergebnisse und gewählte Mitglieder. Revidierte Ausgabe – 28. Juli 1999. Brüssel.

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (2004): E.P. LEGISLATURE 2004-2009 following the June 2004 elections. Distribution of Seats per Member State and membership of the political groups (September 2004).

*Concerning the membership in parliamentary groups constellations are documented for beginning of each legislative term. Later changes in group composition are neglected.*

### 2. Turnout

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, DG INFORMATION (provided 2007): European Elections: data on the electorate since 1979.

RALLINGS, COLIN/THRASHER, MICHAEL (ED.) (2007): British Electoral Facts 1832-2006. Aldershot: Ashgate (*in case of UK*).

### 3. Share of Vote

*In the majority of cases the share of votes was taken from information provided by the national election authorities. The applied sources for each country are documented in table 2.*

Country	National election authorities	Institution	Official source in dataset?
Belgium	Government	Directie van de Verkiezingen; Direction des Elections	yes
Denmark	Government	Indenrigs- og Sundhedsministeriet	yes

Germany	National Bureau for Statistics	Bundeswahlleiter	yes
<i>Table to be continued on next page!</i>			
Estonia	National Election Committee	Vabariigi Valimiskomisjon	yes
Finland	National Bureau for Statistics (1979-1994)	Tilastokeskus	yes
France	Government (1999-2004) Government	Oikeusministeriö Ministère de l'Intérieur	yes
Greece	Government	Ministry of Interior Affairs	in part*
United Kingdom	National Election Committee (2004)	The Electoral Commission	in part*
Ireland	Government	Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government	yes
Italy	Government	Ministero dell'Interno	in part*
Latvia	National Election Committee	Centrālā vēlēšanu komisija	yes
Lithuania	National Election Committee	Vyriausioji rinkimų komisija	yes
Luxembourg	National Bureau for Statistics	STATEC	yes
Malta	Government	Department of Information	yes
Netherlands	National Bureau for Statistics	Centraal Bureau voor de Statistiek	yes
Austria	Government	Bundesministerium für Inneres	yes
Poland	National Election Committee	Państwowa Komisja Wyborcza	yes
Portugal	National Election Committee	Comissão Nacional de Eleicoes	yes
Sweden	National Bureau for Statistics	Valmyndigheten	yes
Slovakia	National Bureau for Statistics	Štatistický úrad slovenskej republiky	yes
Slovenia	Government	Vlada Republike Slovenije	yes
Spain	Government	Ministerio del Interior	yes
Czech Republic	National Election Committee	Český statistický úřad	yes
Hungary	National Election Committee	Országos Választási Iroda	yes
Cyprus	Government	Ministry of the Interior	no*

\*Notes: **United Kingdom:** From 1979 to 1999 no official institution was responsible for the publication of EP election results; source for results given, House of Commons Library (Leeke 2003). **Italy:** Reported EP election results from 1979 to 1989 are taken from the publication of the Italian Bureau of Statistics (Agosto 1990). **Greece:** EP election results from 1979 to 1999 provided by Eftichia Teperoglou, national study director for Greece of the European Election Study 2004. **Cyprus:** EP election results for Cyprus are taken from the Newspaper *Ta Nea* (14.07.20) – also provided by Eftichia Teperoglou.