A   Baseline models

Table 1: Baseline models

	Model 1	Model 2
Together	1.93***	1.80***
	(0.07)	(0.09)
PirSTAN	0.23	0.14
	(0.25)	(0.26)
TSS	1.13***	
	(0.31)	
Local PEC (2018)	2.20***	1.99***
	(0.13)	(0.16)
Coalition size	−0.86***	−1.02***
	(0.07)	(0.10)
Coalition size × asymmetry	0.49***	0.40**
	(0.10)	(0.13)
Coalition size (sq.)	0.05*	0.10***
	(0.02)	(0.02)
Ideological distance		−0.20***
		(0.03)
Asymmetry	0.40***	0.51***
	(0.08)	(0.10)
ENEP	−0.07***	−0.11***
	(0.02)	(0.02)
(Intercept)	−2.25***	−1.78***
	(0.13)	(0.19)
Num.Obs.	13 266	6931
R2 Marg.	0.330	0.488
R2 Cond.	0.382	0.582
AIC	3157.4	1645.9
BIC	3239.8	1721.2
ICC	0.1	0.2
RMSE	0.17	0.17

+ $p < 0.1$, * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$

B Robustness check: Models with ideological distance

	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4
Together (PEC in general election)	1.73***	1.62***	2.25***	1.73***
	(0.10)	(0.11)	(0.15)	(0.10)
PirSTAN (PEC in general election)	0.13	0.14	0.13	0.16
	(0.26)	(0.26)	(0.26)	(0.26)
PEC in Senate election (2022)	0.22+	0.22+	0.25+	0.22
	(0.13)	(0.13)	(0.13)	(0.13)
ANO in local government		−0.00		
		(0.13)		
Together × ANO in local gov.		0.27+		
		(0.16)		
Together party in local gov.			−0.01	
			(0.13)	
Together × Together party in local gov.			−0.80***	
			(0.17)	
Same local gov. position				0.35***
				(0.08)
PEC in local election (2018)	1.99***	1.99***	1.97***	1.85***
	(0.16)	(0.17)	(0.16)	(0.17)
Coalition size	−0.82***	−0.81***	−0.74***	−0.77***
	(0.07)	(0.07)	(0.07)	(0.07)
Coalition size (sq.)	0.11***	0.11***	0.11***	0.10***
	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)
Ideological distance	−0.21***	−0.21***	−0.21***	−0.22***
	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.03)
Asymmetry	0.38***	0.37***	0.38***	0.45***
	(0.09)	(0.09)	(0.09)	(0.09)
ENEP	−0.12***	−0.13***	−0.08***	−0.11***
	(0.02)	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.02)
(Intercept)	−1.65***	−1.57***	−1.79***	−1.92***
	(0.18)	(0.18)	(0.19)	(0.19)
Num.Obs.	6931	6931	6931	6931

R2 Marg.	0.476	0.474	0.465	0.493
R2 Cond.	0.578	0.577	0.558	0.585
AIC	1652.6	1652.4	1622.1	1636.4
BIC	1727.9	1741.4	1711.1	1718.5
ICC	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
RMSE	0.17	0.16	0.17	0.16

+ p < 0.1, * p < 0.05, ** p < 0.01, *** p < 0.001

C Robustness check 2: Matching

The data were matched using coarsened exact matching with the formation of pre-electoral coalition as the treatment variable and ideological distance, ANO in local government, Together party in local government, Coalition size, assymetry, ENEP, municipality size, local government position as covariates and formation of PEC in previous local election. As coarsened exact matching does not allow anti-exact matches, I selected only those matched pairs where only in one of them the 2022 Senate election took place.

The covariate balance and esimated models are shown below.

C.1 Covariate balance of matched data

	Mean (control)	Mean (treated)	Std. Diff	Adj. V-Ratio
Ideological position	1.36	1.33	-0.05	0.93
ANO government	0.32	0.32	0.00	NA
Together government	0.66	0.66	0.00	NA
Coalition size	0.06	0.07	0.01	1.03
Asymmetry	0.52	0.51	-0.01	1.00
ENEP	4.99	4.93	-0.04	0.94
Municipality size	12705	8862	-0.28	0.75
Local government	0.64	0.64	0.00	NA

C.2 Models on matched data

	Model 1	Model 2
Senate PEC (2022)	0.19*	0.20*
	(0.09)	(0.09)
Municipality size		0.00
		(0.00)
(Intercept)	0.25***	0.22**
	(0.06)	(0.07)
Num.Obs.	118	118
R2	0.038	0.043
AIC	161.1	162.5
BIC	169.5	173.6
RMSE	0.47	0.47

+ p < 0.1, * p < 0.05, ** p < 0.01, *** p < 0.001